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IT'S BEEN A DULL CUP!

From Andrew Dettre in Argentina

Whoever makes Sunday's final, at the World Cup, we will probably have a champion unworthy of the great traditions of the past.

All the contenders for this honour are many classes below their 1970 or 1974 counter parts.

Holland and West Germany are cheap imitations of their 1974 editions, both having become stereotyped, predictable and dull.

About the same applies to Brazil, where demi-gods have been followed by humble mortals, playing on a different plane than their predecessors.

Amazingly, even Argentina were better four years ago, than this plodding side, fired more by patriotism than ability.

The only improvers on 1974 are. Italy, but in their last two games their physical staying power has become suspect.

Oddly, perhaps sadly, we have no great teams here, nor any outstanding individuals.

World Cup Soccer has become ordinary, not defensive, just dull.

It is with these thoughts that we await the outcome of Thursdays final round to decide the identity of the finalists, and then of course Sunday's final.

But most of those here in Argentina have given up serious hope for a sudden revival, a magic spark, to set the fuse and restart the action.

Monetary rewards for winning, sackings and reprisals for losing, have reduced countless talented players to the level of tradesmen from the height of artisans.

Tragically few people care.

For the majority of a good win or a placing is enough, regardless of how it was achieved.

The media, as if through a network of international conspiracy, refuses to publicly admit that the playes and teams they have built into idols are often mere impersonators.

The truth proves to be bad for circulation figures.

"Now how did that get there?" West German keeper Sepp Maier appears to be saying while a jubilant Arie Haan of Holland jumps for joy as the Dutch team hold the champions to a draw.

But there may be some fire

As the World Cup is drawing to its finale, a serious mood is developing in Buenos Aires.

Despite the seemingly carefree atmosphere, stories and rumours that the country's hunted terrorists are tooling up for at least one major strike abound.

Last week they allegedly damaged a power plant, just outside the city, causing widespread blackouts.

Others were caught near a TV transmitter as they were about to cut some vital cables.

None of these alleged news items made the local press and one gets wind of them through Argentinian contacts.

Last Friday night a bomb exploded near a city hotel where England's manager Ron Greenwood is staying.

The story is that the police found the bomb and detonated it deliberately.

However the most disturbing rumours concern a team of 15 Italian Red Brigade terrorists who have allegedly sneaked into the country on a chartered plane from Rome together with Italian supporters.

Ten have reportedly been caught, but five are still loose and their planned action is aimed at the Italian team whose security guard has been reinforced.

But in the vast, very much alive city, it is difficult to detect the slightest sign of danger.

The locals go about their outgoing style of life with gusto.

On Saturday night all bars, coffee shops and bistros are packed until 3am, and no self-respecting Argentinian would go to bed before 4am.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Holland	1	1	—	7	3	3
Italy	1	1	—	1	—	3
W. Germany	—	2	—	2	2	2
Austria	—	—	2	1	6	—

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brazil	1	1	—	3	—	3
Argentina	1	1	—	2	—	3
Poland	1	—	1	1	2	2
Peru	—	—	2	—	4	—

FINAL ROUND, JUNE 21:
Italy v Holland, West Germany v Austria
Poland v Brazil, Argentina v Peru

Sharne, Degney affair

Marconi fined $2000 — players suspended

Before Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta left for Argentina and Italy he proudly but modestly pointed out how well the club was going.

"We have done things right," he told me.

"We have fine young players, an Italian First Division player in Roberto Vieri, and the main stand is on the way."

And, of course, that was the position then.

Unfortunately Marconi's good name was sullied by the fielding of Paul Degney and Peter Sharne against Footscray on Saturday.

Marconi must have well known that the players should not have appeared, and that they were due to report to their quarters to prepare for the Sunday game against Greece.

The players informed the Australian Soccer Federation that the club said it was fixing the matter up with the ASF.

Not unexpectedly, a fine of $2000 has been imposed on the club, which will now have to play one cup and two league games without them.

If Marconi thought they were within the letter of the law in the matter, they surely should have realised that it was woefully outside the spirit of it.

How many times have we heard that the national team comes first?

Were they concerned that they would quite possibly lose one or two competition points to Footscray without their two main spearheads, as Footscray had only lost one game away all season?

If so, they could have gained nothing by playing the two players, as they would have surely lost any points they won.

If manager Rasic had something to say about his 1974 World Cup record, the public has already judged this against the 1978 record, without one iota of further emphasis being needed.

The whole point is now to get on with the football out on the park, and let the club learn from its unhappy experience.

— K. GILMOUR

Shoulder leaves for England

"Sunny Jim" Shoulder smiled his farewells and spoke out with a bit of fair dinkum horse sense and missed a few points, too, prior to leaving for London.

"If we want to go into the World Cup finals we need a two year plan for the National team and a further two year contingency plan.

"The West Germans will go back and do it, and so must we.

"The new National team coach should not be placed in a position of having matches put on his plate at six weeks' notice.

"Schedules must cover the Philips League, the under-19 National championships and State and Regional coaches," he said.

Shoulder's recent talent quest produced some names with potential for the future at the highest level.

Peter Laumets, Chris Kalafatidis, Joe Picioane, Gary Cole, and possibly John O'Shea and Steve Perry, are amongst those who accepted their chance.

He considers that the new coach needs two years to know the players properly.

From that viewpoint he believes that the coach should *preferably come from within* Australia.

In Shoulder's case the two year requirement is understandable as the national league had not been formed and there was little chance to compare players between the States.

This situation has improved dramatically as the best players are now gathered in 14 teams who play each other.

With 1982 in mind Shoulder considers that it is the young breed who must be used exclusively.

The opposing point is that these youngsters should be brought in gradually, with senior players guiding them as Greek coach Alketas Panagoulias is doing.

Shoulder seems to want to enjoy his sport rather than to be a winner.

He will need to devise a blend of both aspects to forge his way to the top.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Newcastle 1 (0) — Sth. Melbourne 1 (0)

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 3, Willis 4, **Summerscales** 5, Drinkwater 3, Curran 3, Mason 3, Amey 3, Johnston 4, Galpin 3, Boden 4, Mountford 4.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 3, Pye 4, Baxter 3, Hatzimanuel 4, Kalifatidis 3, Wright 3, Lutton 4, Christopoulos 3, Cummings 3, Rogers 4, Campbell 4.

Goals: 0-1 Cummings (62m), 1-1 (Summerscales (73m). **Referee:** T. Davies (Sydney). **Crowd:** 7,375.

A masterly display of defensive mobility by Bill Summerscales highlighted Newcastle's hard earned 1-all draw against South Melbourne before 7,375 spectators. The goal hungry crowd has to wait until the 62nd minute for the opening score when striker Duncan Cummings deceived goalkeeper Phil Dando with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area. Apart from an early flurry of activity both sets of forwards were generally well held by two destructive, rather than constructive defences. The opening moments belonged to Newcastle, Craig Johnston almost scoring in the face of a startled Melbourne defence. Young left back Chris Kalifatidis cleared a Johnston effort on the goalline with 'keeper John Hansen well beaten. Will o' the wisp attacker George Campbell provided fullbacks Willis and Curran many moments of anxiety in the opening half. However, Campbell faded from the scene in the second half, not relishing the hard tackling of Willis in their touchline duels. Referee Tim Davies gave one of the best displays of any visiting official to Newcastle this season. His ability to allow the game to flow smoothly was welcomed by players on both sides. There were few real highlights with the Newcastle front line rarely testing goalkeeper Hansen before Summerscales went up with his attack to head home the equalising goal from a Galpin corner kick. Newcastle United face their toughest task of the season next Sunday when they travel to meet West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium. Coach Alan Vest is still unhappy with his midfield and it seems likely that Lloyd Hardes, missing through injury against South Melbourne, will be considered.

— MYLES HAY

Marconi 1 (0) — Footscray 2 (0)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Degney 5, Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Richards 3, Byrne 3, Vieri 3, Rooney 4, Mariani 3, Sharne 5, Jankovics 3 (Williams 37m 3).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 4, Hazibent 4, Kriaros 4, Kazi 5, Kondiaros 4, Ilioski 5, Rujevic 5, Picaone 4, Lujic 4, Vasic 3 Nicolaides 4 69m), Ristovski 4.

Goals: 1-0 Rooney (72m), 1-1 Rujevic (73m), 1-2 Nicolaides (87m). **Referee:** J. Reeves. **Crowd:** 2850.

John Nicolaides was the hero of the visiting Footscray side, who took two points from the leaders at Marconi Oval. With the teams locked at 1-1 and Footscray apparently satisfied to hang on, replacement Nicolaides slammed in a first time shot that brushed 'keeper Allan Maher's fingers on the way through. Joe Picaone took the ball from his own territory, beat Jim Rooney, and went through two defenders before giving Nicolaides the telling pass. Marconi dominated the first fifteen minutes, and in fact looked good value for a possible win when they scored through Rooney in the 72nd minute. The pass came fully 40 metres from Roberto Vieri to the edge of the box. Rooney beat the defence to slot the ball home. Within a minute the teams were back on even terms. Ilioski's pass found Ristovski, who slipped past Paul Degney. Ivo Prskalo came out of position, the cross went to Rujevic, who slotted the ball into the right-hand corner. The match was full of chances to both teams but few of them came off. One who literally came off was Mark Jankovics, who pulled a hamstring and was replaced by Richie Williams in the 37th minute. This was a sad blow to Marconi, who could ill afford to lose their leading scorer. Two minutes before he had missed an open goal when his shot passed outside the upright. Degney and Sharne were best for Marconi, whilst for the winners Kazi, Ilioski and Rujevic were in tremendous touch.

L. WATSON

Syd. Olympic 2 (2) — West Adelaide 4 (2)

OLYMPIC: Karakostas 3, Constantinou 2 (Stravopodis 45m 2), Cross 3, Wilson 3, McTintosh 3, Jamieson 4, Laing 4, Markland 3, Pirie 4, Davourlis 3, Ainslie 3.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, Reynolds 4, Tymczysyn 3, McGachie 5, Kampas 3, Bozanic 3, Boyle 4, Jones 4, Norris 3 (Koulianas 76m), Honeyman 3, McGregor 4.

Goals: 1-0 (Pirie 6m), 1-1 (McGachie 24m), 1-2 (McGachie 25m), 2-2 (Pirie 43m), 2-3 (McGregor 68m) 2-4 (Boyle 87m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 1860.

In downing Sydney Olympic 4-2 at Erskinville Oval West Adelaide recorded their seventh consecutive win and took themselves to within two points of the leaders. The victory was not as convincing as the score indicates, but a team cannot do much more than win and move up to become a big threat to the leaders. Olympic played nearly as well as their conquerors and they had a chance of gaining a point until three minutes from full-time. West Adelaide skipper Neil McGachie was the architect of his side's victory. He not only scored two goals himself but he also distributed the ball to great advantage. For a side almost at the foot of the table Olympic showed out better than expected and shocked the visitors in the 6th minute when striker Bill Pirie sent in an unstoppable shot. West Adelaide took time to settle in, but struck in the 24th minute when McGachie scored. A minute later he netted again when he shot through a crowd of players. Olympic came back to equalise in the 43rd minute when Pirie scored with a fine header from a cross by Con Davourlis. After halftime both teams made mistakes as they strove for ascendancy. Graham Honeyman missed a sitter from 3 metres, and then Pirie should have scored for the home team. Gradually West Adelaide got the upper hand and finally they scored through Ian McGregor and Peter Boyle. Derek Laing, Alec Jamieson and striker Bill Pirie impressed for the losers.

E. DE MESQUITA

Fitzroy 1 (0) — Easts Hakoah 1 (1)

FITZROY: Blasby 3, McMillan 4, Provan 3, O'Reily 3, Tansey 4, Bannon 3, Taylor 3, Campbell 4, Bozikas 3, Cole 3, Buljevic 3.

ES HAKOAH: Pezzano 3, Mullen 3, Thomson 4, Trenter 4, Mowbray 3, Stevenson 3, Watson 3, Souness 4, Campbell 3, Smith 4, Silva 4.

Goals: 1-0 Tansey (39m), 1-1 Campbell (80m). **Referee:** D. McDermott. **Crowd:** 3000. **Cautions:** Taylor, O'Reily, Mowbray, Provan, Bannon.

A superb tactical manoeuvre by Gerry Chaldi helped Hakoah in sharing the points with Fitzroy at Olympic Park. Mark Trenter was transferred from defence to attack and Bob Smith transferred to a rugged defender. To complete the move, Chaldi established Watson in the midfield, thus forming a rigid front ahead of substitute goalkeeper Pizzano. It was a dull and unexciting game that lacked quality and fighting spirit in the opening half. Fitzroy had a nightmarish performance and sheer luck only saved them one point. Opening defensively, their backline looked pinned, allowing the park to the visitors who badly missed Barnes' leading power. Although the home team had the better of the attacks in the first half, they took the lead with a goal by Jim Tansey. Bouzikas and Cole both miskicked inside the area. Bouzikas collected the rebound and fired another shot which was deflected by the defence. Tansey, on the left side, simply pushed the ball over the line. With Fitzroy leading Hakoah returned determined to retain their position in the four. A series of scoring chances were squandered by Campbell, Silva and Souness, until Campbell found the net with a header, converting an accurate free-kick by Souness.

— S. KALUS

Adelaide City 3 (3) — Brisbane City 2 (0)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, B. Nyskohus 3, Yung 3, Besir 4, Lister 4, Perin 4, Marocchi 4, Deans 4, Muir 3, J. Nyskohus 5, Northcote 4.

BRISBANE CITY: Barlow 3, Rathmell 3, Kibbey 3, Johnston 4, Coyne 4 (Gaffney 46m) 3, Lavelle 4, Conner 4 (Wallace 28m) 3, Pimblett 3, Marley 4, Echiverria 4, Caldwell 4.

Goals: 1-0 Deans (32m), 2-0 Marocchi (40m), 3-0 Deans (41m), 3-1 B. Nyskohus (t.o.g. 66m), 3-2 Lavelle (72m). **Referee:** J. Tarling. **Crowd:** 4350. **Cautions:** B. Nyskohus, Lavelle.

When Adelaide City netted three goals in the last 13 mintues of the first half they were well on the way towards completing their first Philips League victory over Brisbane City. The signs were that the commanding lead would be substantially increased as Adelaide attacked solidly straight after half time, but their strikers were guilty of several incredible misses in front of goal. Then Brisbane, as if to prove that their jinx had not yet been laid to rest, staged a totally unexpected revival which brought two goals in an inspired seven minute burst, to leave themselves with 18 minutes in which to notch an equaliser. Brisbane failed in that quest, but not before they had caused Adelaide some anxious moments. Adelaide City coach Les Scheinflug sprang a pre-match sensation by relegating Australian international John Kosmina to the reserve bench. Scheinflug made it clear that he did not use Kosmina because he wants to establish a settled line-up. "I could see no point in using Kosmina when he will be going back to England in two weeks time," Scheinflug said. With Kosmina a spectator, Adelaide's front running strikers were Dixie Deans, Johnny Nyskohus and Jimbo Muir. The heroes of Adelaide's victory were Johnny Nyskohus and Gary Marocchi, both of whom have benefited from their recent appearances for Australia, Deans and goalkeeper Peter Marshall. Deans showed that the still retains his goal-sense with two typical opportunist efforts and a perfect lay-off for the other goal. Adelaide broke a lengthy deadlock when Marocchi who pivoted smartly before Besir to slam a powerful shot against the far post and Deans was on the spot to slide the ball into the vacant net. Then Deans nodded a high cross from Brian Northcote down to Marocchi who pivotted smartly before slamming the ball past Bob Barlow in the Brisbane goal. Deans netted goal number three just one minute later after Johnny Nyskohus pushed a platter pass across the goal-mouth leaving the former Scottish international with an easy task. Brisbane began their gutsy comeback when Roberto Echiverria drove a pass across the face of the goal where Bugsy Nyskohus turned the ball into his own goal as he tried to scoop it clear. Brisbane really picked themselves up off the canvas when John Lavelle rammed a great 20 metre drive into the corner of the net to bring the revival experts back into the game. However, Adelaide appeared more likely to score when Bugsy Nyskohus climaxed a superb run with a right-wing cross to Muir who blazed wide with Northcote perfectly positioned inside the area. Then Brisbane was denied a late equaliser as Peter Marshall brilliantly saved an angled shot from Kevin Caldwell.

— A CRISP

Brisbane Lions 3 (0) — West. Suburbs 1 (0)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 5, Wilson 3, Potter 4, Hermiston 4, Niven 4, Neale 3, Amos 3, Morris 3 (Ogden 67m), Ontong 3, Fairbrother 4, Hughes 3.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Lachowitz 3, Skellern 4, Rowden 3, Turnbull 3, Campbell 3, Drews 4, **Harding** 5, O'Donnell 3, Samuels 3, Scott 3 (Fisher 72m), Eaton 3.

Goals: Hughes (68m) 1-0, Amos (74m) 2-0, Fairbrother (77m) 3-0, Fisher (89m) 3-1. **Referee:** J. Woods. **Crowd:** 2,400. **Cautions:** Nil.

In front of Perry Park's smallest crowd of the season, Lions and Wests put on a game minus their Australian stars, Bennett of Lions and Stone from Wests. Lions side, much decimated by injury, lined up with midweek "rebels" Fairbrother and Amos in the side and not a few positional changes, Potter, Niven, Morris and Hughes, all playing in different positions than usual. For 45 minutes, the people who stayed away were the lucky ones as the game was contained to midfield with neither team getting the upper hand though Lions were far, far ahead in chances created, Fairbrother sending four diving headers wide or high and Hughes falling in the act of striking the final shot. Wests started the second half in a more determined fashion and Lownds started to earn his money with some great work in Lions goal. Lions seemed to take some heart from this and the 68th minute saw Amos cross a great ball to the far post where Neale Rose like a bird and headed powerfully back across the goal against the post but Hughes was on hand to nod in the rebound. Six minutes later Niven sent in a cross from the left that Fairbrother nodded down to Amos who slashed a low hard drive in from 20 metres. Three minutes later Fairbrother got just rewards for an afternoons hard work when he ran on to a hard low Ontong cross to bundle the ball past two defenders. Fisher got a good goal as consolation for Wests when he executed a clever overhead kick that dropped over Lownds and sneaked under the bar.

— J. BINNIE

Canberra City 1 (1) — St. George 1 (1)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 3, Hogg 3, Parker 4, **Henderson** 5, Brown 4, Davies 3, Byrne 3, Heywood 3, Gruicic 4, Stark 2, Marinello 4.

ST. GEORGE: **Coe** 6, Utjesenovic 4, Coates 4, Tonanez 3 (Dale: 64m), Harris 4, Grosse 4, Mendez 3, M. O'Shea 4, Kay 4, Morgan 3, Hensman 4.

Goals: 1-0 Gruicic (pen. 29m), 1-1 Coates (33m). **Referee:** T. Beasley. **Crowd:** 5800. **Caution:** Gruicic.

Canberra City chalked up their eighth home draw of the season, somewhat predictably you might say. They still have not scored a goal in each half of a Philips League or Cup match, at home or away, and have hit all 11 home goals into the net at the scoreboard end of the National Stadium. In fact, rumor has it that all their 21 League and Cup goals have been scored running to the right of official grandstand sides. (Patron Mai must be pleased.) If a jinx exists, then it was personified last Saturday in the form of St. George 'keeper Martin Coe. After only two minutes of the match, Heywood surprisingly swung a corner out to the edge of the penalty area, from where a Henderson header forced Coe to scramble backwards and tip over. Just prior to the penalty, Stark shot down the middle of the field, passed two St. George defenders, who collided with each other, and his attempt was parried by the advancing Coe. Stark was then judged to have been brought down, and the reliable Gruicic sunk his fifth penalty of the season. A mere four minutes later Henderson slipped trying to stop a counter attack, and Ralph Coates scored on his Aussie debut, placing the ball past what seemed on the day to be a more than half asleep Tilsed. The first half was fast and furious, and also contained some good skilful soccer. The second was far less entertaining, with St. George pulling players back at the slightest hint of danger, while Canberra persisted with the almost invariably fruitless British preoccupation of pumping high balls forward into packed penalty areas. Philips Top Soccer viewers will have noted that on the few occasions that City used some imagination rather than the aforementioned dogma, only Coe prevented them from winning. Such an example was late in the game, when Henderson running just left of centre, curled a through ball for Gruicic, whose diveheader was magnificently pushed wide by Coe. For St George young Paul Kay impressed me as much as an Under-15 Balgownie player of the same name did prior to the Australia v Manchester United fiasco three years ago.

C. KUNZ

TOP SCORERS

C. Eaton (Wests)	9
Jankovics (Marc.)	8
Cole (Fitzroy)	8
Olierton (Sth. Melb.)	7
Vieri (Marconi)	7
Gruicic (Canberra)	7
O'Connor (St. Geo.)	6
Fischer (Wests)	5
Hughes (Lions)	5
Boden (Newcastle)	5
Marley (Bris. City)	5
Sharne (Marconi)	5

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings

	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI	16	10	4	2	36	16	24	9	7	1	1	26	11	15	7	3	3	1	10	5	9
2 (2) WEST ADELAIDE	16	10	2	4	26	18	22	7	4	—	3	13	10	8	9	6	2	1	13	8	14
3 (3) EASTS HAKOAH	16	7	5	4	30	17	19	8	4	2	2	13	6	10	8	3	3	2	17	11	9
4 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE	16	6	7	3	22	16	19	8	3	3	2	12	9	9	8	3	4	1	10	7	10
5 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	16	5	8	3	23	22	18	8	2	5	1	10	9	9	8	3	3	2	13	13	9
6 (5) FITZROY	16	5	7	4	22	22	17	8	4	3	1	13	7	11	8	1	4	3	9	15	6
7 (8) ADELAIDE CITY	16	6	4	6	22	23	16	9	4	2	3	14	11	10	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
8 (7) WESTERN SUBURBS	16	5	5	6	27	30	15	8	3	4	1	14	11	10	8	2	1	5	13	19	5
9 (9) BRISBANE CITY	16	6	2	8	21	25	14	8	4	1	3	10	9	9	8	2	1	5	11	16	5
10 (10) FOOTSCRAY	16	4	6	6	13	18	14	8	1	2	5	6	11	4	8	3	4	1	7	7	10
11 (11) NEWCASTLE	16	3	7	6	21	29	13	8	1	4	3	11	15	6	8	2	3	3	19	14	7
12 (12) CANBERRA	16	1	10	5	17	25	12	8	—	8	—	11	11	8	8	1	2	5	6	14	4
13 (13) OLYMPIC	16	3	5	8	19	30	11	8	1	2	5	10	15	4	8	2	3	3	9	15	7
14 (14) ST. GEORGE	16	4	2	10	18	26	10	7	3	—	4	9	10	6	9	1	2	6	7	13	4

PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

SPARKS TIPPED AS TOP TEAMS BUNCH

The battle for that elusive fourth spot on the League table should provide the most interesting contest this weekend, with South Melbourne and Brisbane Lions fighting it out at Middle Park.

Souths suffered a slight dent to their fortunes last week when they were held to a draw by Newcastle, and will have to hope that their goalscoring returns with them to Middle Park.

It is heartening to see Duncan Cummings getting onto the scoreboard regularly, and this bright young talent should once again be given a chance in the Australian team now he has matured a little more.

Lions got back into the goalscoring mood last week, and if they continue in this trend an action packed match is assured for the Melbourne fans.

One is tempted each week to start off any preview about a Canberra home match with a comment, for any team that draws all eight home matches surely is a prime target.

For the club it must pose problems, as one wonders how long the many thousands will turn up if their team doesn't provide them with a victory.

This week they take on an Olympic side that has begun to play some good football, but has a very weak defence, erasing the good work of midfield and attack.

Piries has begun to get into stride, and has scored three goals in the past two weeks.

This match certainly has the hallmarks of a high scoring draw, as the two sides are fairly evenly balanced and have little left at stake in the competition except pride.

The double header at Wentworth Park this week sees two Sydney-Melbourne clashes, the first being Wests against Fitzroy.

Wests have been gradually slithering down the table, and have also suffered a gradual drop in the standard of their game.

Admittedly they still have some fine strikers, but their midfield is not functioning efficiently, with Peter Stone in a slump and Dave Harding playing very deep.

Fitzroy have been the in-form team, along with West Adelaide, and should cause all sorts of bother to the Wests team.

The Melbournites too possess a fine forward line, and with Pat Bannon masterminding everything in the middle they have a great advantage.

A fairly comfortable win here to the visitors would not surprise unless Wests can raise their game.

The second televised match from Wentworth Park is the Hakoah-Footscray clash.

Footscray, the second Melbourne team to conquer Marconi, and thus make the title race far more interesting, have thrown off their depression and are beginning to play fine football.

Last week John Nicolaidis' spectacular goal stunned Marconi, and with Picioane also in fine form, Hakoah could be tested at the back.

Hakoah grabbed a valuable point from Fitzroy last week, but will need both points this week to keep their claim on the third place in the table.

The normally productive Hakoah goal scoring machine has been rather stilted the past few weeks, scoring only two goals, so if Footscray can keep Campbell bottled up, the Hakoah chances will be limited.

A low scoring draw is the predicted result here.

Wooden spooners St. George take on Adelaide City this week, with Adelaide being very much an "in form" team, having dragged out of the bottom half of the table after several weeks of good results.

It may be rather harsh to label the Saints the "wooden spooners", for looking at them objectively they still have some fine players in Grosse, O'Connor and Utjesenovic, as well as Clemence and Coates for this week.

They also can play attractive football at times, and this shows why Saints still can provide national players, having three in the team last week against Greece.

Adelaide City, now being brilliantly led by a revitalised pair of Marocchi and Deans, are scoring goals and playing near to their best.

Saints should be ready to pull out of their slump now, and so a fine match is tipped, with plenty of good football, and perhaps a draw as the result.

West Adelaide should pack in the fans this week when they play Newcastle, for the Westad side is without doubt the greatest threat to Marconi, and is now within only one victory's distance.

However to assume that Newcastle is easy meat is a grave misjudgment, for with Craig Johnston playing superbly, and with Kenny Boden a constant nuisance, the KB'ers are a useful outfit.

Westad therefore will need all their vocal supporters to get out in numbers to Hindmarsh stadium and cheer on their heroes, so that they will not falter at this important stage.

With McGachey and McGregor constantly working, creating and now scoring goals, it is hard to see an upset, though Newcastle should be able to score a goal or two.

But it is Westad's "you score one, we'll score two" attitude which has helped them all this way and which should see them to another victory this week.

Brisbane City-Marconi is the match that Brisbane City officials and players have been waiting months for, as they claim that they were hard done by in the first round at Bossley Park.

Brisbane City would like nothing better than to ruin Marconi's chances for the title, as there is fierce rivalry between these two clubs, stemming from that initial Philips Cup Final.

Jankovics is still not fit, suffering from a damaged leg, and injuries have eaten into the fine side that went 13 games without defeat before succumbing twice in the past three weeks.

Brisbane caused Adelaide City a few heart flutters last week, pulling back from 0-3 to go down by only 2-3.

Steve Perry however should be back in the City defence, and a vital part of the Brisbane team's machinery will be replaced and ready to tackle Marconi.

Backed by a vocal and partisan crowd, it would not surprise to see City defeat Marconi.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Canberra v Syd. Olym	Bruce Stad., 3pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Sth. Melb. v Bris. Lions	Middle Pk., 3pm
West. Subs. v Fitz. Utd.	Wentworth Pk, 1.00pm
ES Hakoah v Footscray	Wentworth Pk., 3.00 pm
St. George v Adel. City	Barton Pk., 3.00pm
West Adel. v Newc. KB Utd	Hindmarsh St., 2.30pm
Bris. City v Marconi	Perry Park, 3.00pm

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Brisbane Lions v West Adel	Perry Pk, 3pm
Footscray v West Subs	Schintler Res, 3pm
Fitzroy v Sth Melb	Olympic Pk, 3pm
ES Hakoah v Bris. City	Wentworth Pk 3 pm
Adel City v Marconi	Olympic Sp Field, 2.30pm
Newcastle v Canberra	Int Sp Centre, 2.30pm
St. George v Olympic	Barton Park, 3pm

Adelaide News

Polonia appear to have recovered from a mid-season slump. After conceding 15 goals in their first seven matches, the red and whites have held their opponents scoreless in the last three games. Polonias public relations officer suggests that two factors have contributed greatly to this revival. Firstly, the decision by coach Jan Mszyca to resume playing and secondly, the return of ballplaying midfielders Henry Kolecki and Gary Dooley.

List of the lucky winners from The News-Soccer World-Soccer International World Cup contest. 1st: R. D. Woolman of Glenelg. 2nd: J. J. Pelzer. 3rd: J. Christie, Warradale. 4th: M. Figwer, Sterling. 5th: Y. Hoban, Magill. 6th: W. Mitchell, Whyalla. 7th: V. Thune. 8th: J. Brailford, Para Hills. 9th: J. Angeli, West Pennant Hills, N.S.W. 10th: T. Coleman, Believue Heights. Soccer International (The Goal), suppliers of prizes will advise winners by letter.

The Adelaide Juventus Sport and Social Club (Sponsors of Adelaide City) new $400,000 clubrooms will officially open on the eve of the Marconi-City clash on Saturday, July 1. When asked to comment on the opening, and if there were any special guests invited for the occasion President Charlie Caruse said "Who needs VIP's when we have our own Dixie Deans back." On a serious note, he added "We have a long list of guests ranging from club members to Government officials, it will be the proudest and memorable night in our club's history". The luxurious building complex is housed under the Olympic Sports field grandstand.

Phil Russo who promised a lot during the 1976 season in his regular full back position for Juventus is back again in training with the club. Russo was placed on the transfer list last season for a fee of $5000 for some unknown reasons. Clubs like Azzurri and Croatia showed interest but nothing eventuated.

The annual charity cup "1978" betweeen The Press v Radio-TV Stars is to be played as a curtain raiser to the Marconi-City match. Fans will be in line for a great hour of fun and entertainment featuring local TV and radio stars against a selected Press side.

Formed in 1963 as Wakefield Wanderers — a change of names in 1974 to Noarlunga United and promoted this season to the Rothmans first division league stands the most powerful soccer club in the Southern zone of Adelaide. Club secretary Doug Kitchin said this week that the club has a bright future, with 300 members and ownership of clubrooms situated at their Morphett Vale home ground. Coach Alan Whittle and his two assistants John Evans and Alan Horsfall are doing a very good job in their first year in the higher division.

Woodville Beograd, the Rothmans first division table tail-enders are moving fast in search for new signings to try to avoid relegation. It's a well known fact that negotiations have begun for two top players in Zoran Matic, Adelaide City and Ron White Azzurri. The club committee has asked also team coach Uros Zivkevic to make a comeback as a player.

Ron White

Brilliant goal keeper Yaka Banovic who left Croatia at the end of last season to try his luck in North America is back and playing for Croatia Essendon (Vic.).

In Adelaide "Soccer World" copies are available at main bookstalls in the City, Rothmans first division and Philips league matches weekly. For further information contact our agent Vic Migliaccio on 337-9113.

Adelaide City regained Danny Dance last week when the former Enfield-Victoria striker withdrew his transfer request to play for City's third division team. Dance scored twice in city's 2-2 draw with West Torrens to stake a strong claim for reinclusion in the PSL squad. However, City has lost former Mooroolbark mid-fielder Dave Rigby who returned to England on Tuesday because of his father's illness.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

ELIZABETH CITY 1 (Brewin, Hines, Bonnar, Henderson, Preston, Morrison, McGregor, Evans, Greenhalgh (1), Boyd (Mitchell), Hill (Armstrong) bt **LION** 0 (Rinaldo, Middleton, P. Nyskohus, Tennant, Howlett, Booth, Kavalcenti, Jacob (Sobol), Kowalski, Caggiano (Edwards), Bradley). Reserves: 1-1. Jnrs: 5-0.

POLONIA ADELAIDE 1 (Jacques, Mszyca, M. Kolecki, Dooley, Stanczak, Dibartolo, P. Kosmina (Pettit), Polockek, H. Kolecki, Kritikos (1), Cadenaro (Giannas) bt **PARA HILLS** 0 (Ostendorf, Williams, Gardner, Hilton, Humphreys, Muldoon, Toner, Archer, Durrant, Bell, Duncan). Reserves: 0-1. Jnrs: 1-0.

CROATIA 2 (Przybelsze, Williams (1), Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar, Thomson, Pope (1), Lesan, Jordan, Bendall, Hayes) bt **AZZURRI** 1 (Liddicoat, Simione, Barone, Soderini, Affede, Marusic, Serafini, Iannale (1), Smythe, Manolev, Alder). Reserves: 3-2. Jnrs: 2-2.

CUMBERLAND 3 (Charman, Leane, Peterson, Stuart, Ball, Evans, Mahoney, Mason, D. Leane (2), Welsh, Park, Reeves (1) bt **NOARLUNGA** 2 (Young, Whapplington, Brown, White, Cartwright, Wetton, Caughey, Moore, Artis, Foy (2), Dalglish). Reserves and Jnrs postponed.

BEOGRAD 2 (Flecknor, Jankovic, Wickstein, Harwood, Kleut, Sale (Douvartsidis), Kamleitner (2), Bojczuk, Maricic, Santrac (P. Jankovic), Farkas) bt **VICTORIA** 0 (Green, Higgins, Waxmann, Boyle, Fyfe, Stewart, Donnolly, Biorgines, McNally, Brown, Hopper, Mitchell). Reserves: 2-2. Jnrs: 1-2.

SECOND DIVISION: Birkalla 1 (Cawley) **Port Adelaide** 2 (Calandatis, Bains). Reserves 3-0, Jnrs 2-1; **Modbury** 1 (Patterson) **Campbelltown Budapest** 3 (Mail 2, Chadwick). Reserves 0-2, Jnrs 2-1; **Don Largs** 0 **Orange Sturt** 1 (Remani). Reserves 1-2, Jnrs 0-2; **Salisbury** 0 **Windsor** 0. Reserves 0-1, Jnrs 0-0; **South Adelaide** 1 (White) **West Fields APAC** 4 (Campbell 2, Mihania, Gardner). Reserves 1-2, Jnrs 0-5.

THIRD DIVISION: West Adelaide 2 **Brighton City** 1. Reserves 2-1, Jnrs 2-1; **Noarlunga City** 1 **Flinders University** 1, 1-0, 11-0; **West Torrens** 2 **Adelaide City** 2, 1-0, 1-5. **CHALLENGE CUP: Adelaide University** 1 **SAIT** 1, 0-0, 3-3.

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE 1st DIV SCORERS: J. Serafini (Azzurri) 8, D. Leane (Cumberland) 7, A. Jordan (Croatia) 6, R. Tuffs (Enfield) 6, J. Foy (Noarlunga) 6, T. Hayes (Croatia) 5, S. Caggiano (Lion) 5, B. Welsh (Cumberland) 4, A. Archer (Para Hills) 4, J. Kamleitner (Beograd) 4, T. Brown (Enfield) 3, P. Jankovic (Beograd) 3, R. Kowalski (Lion) 3, J. Larecki (Polonia) 3, W. Bojczuk (Beograd) 3, N. Lees (Elizabeth) 3, D. Mahoney (Cumberland) 3.

FIRST DIVISION

Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland Utd	8	2	—	20	8	18
Croatia	5	2	3	18	10	12
Elizabeth City	4	4	2	9	7	12
Enfield Victoria	3	4	3	15	14	10
Polonia Adelaide	4	2	4	11	15	10
ED Azzurri	4	1	5	14	12	9
Para Hills	3	3	4	10	13	9
Noarlunga United	2	3	5	13	17	7
USC Lion	2	3	5	9	17	7
Beograd Woodville	2	2	6	10	16	6
Reserves						
Elizabeth City	7	2	1	27	9	16
Polonia Adelaide	7	1	2	17	8	15
Beograd Woodville	4	4	2	18	16	12
Para Hills	5	1	4	12	10	11
Croatia	2	5	3	12	16	9
USC Lion	2	5	3	11	17	9
Cumberland Utd	3	2	4	10	12	8
Enfield Victoria	3	2	5	9	13	8
Noarlunga United	2	3	4	5	9	7
ED Azzurri	1	1	8	8	19	3
Juniors						
Polonia Adelaide	9	1	—	34	6	19
ED Azzurri	6	2	2	17	9	14
Para Hills	5	3	2	16	8	13
Enfield Victoria	5	2	3	14	13	12
Beograd Woodville	5	1	4	26	23	11
Noarlunga United	3	1	5	11	14	7
Croatia	3	1	6	8	19	7
Elizabeth City	2	1	7	14	21	5
Cumberland Utd	2	1	6	8	17	5
USC Lion	2	1	7	11	29	5

SECOND DIVISION

Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
Camp'town B'pest	7	3	—	20	10	17
Port Adelaide	7	2	1	28	8	16
West Fields APAC	6	4	—	21	9	16
Birkalla Rovers	5	2	3	21	11	12
Orange Sturt Utd	5	2	3	13	16	12
Windsor Athletic	3	4	3	8	8	10
Modbury	2	2	6	11	16	6
Don Largs United	2	—	8	9	20	4
Salisbury United	1	2	7	4	15	4
South Adelaide	1	1	8	2	24	3
Reserves						
Camp'town B'pest	10	—	—	25	5	20
Birkalla Rovers	6	3	1	23	8	15
West Fields APAC	6	2	2	14	10	14
Windsor Athletic	5	1	4	12	10	11
Orange Sturt Utd	4	3	3	12	10	11
Port Adelaide	4	1	5	13	17	9
Modbury	2	3	5	10	13	7
Don Largs United	2	2	6	9	14	6
South Adelaide	1	3	6	12	24	5
Salisbury United	—	2	8	8	27	2
Juniors						
Salisbury United	8	1	1	34	7	17
West Fields APAC	8	—	2	36	9	16
Birkalla Rovers	6	1	3	31	18	13
Port Adelaide	6	1	3	21	7	13
Modbury	6	1	3	26	21	13
Camp'town B'pest	5	1	4	23	13	11
South Adelaide	3	—	7	14	28	6
Don Largs United	1	3	6	11	29	5
Orange Sturt Utd	1	1	8	5	32	3
Windsor Athletic	1	1	8	8	45	3

THIRD DIVISION

Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
Adelaide City	6	2	—	25	8	14
West Adelaide	6	—	2	34	11	12
Noarlunga City	4	3	1	18	12	11
West Torrens	4	2	2	17	12	10
SAIT	2	1	4	7	12	5
Adelaide Uni	1	2	4	9	20	4
Flinders Uni	1	2	5	6	22	4
Brighton City	1	—	7	9	28	2
Reserves						
Adelaide City	6	1	1	22	7	13
Noarlunga City	5	2	1	12	7	12
West Adelaide	5	1	2	13	7	11
SAIT	3	2	2	5	6	8
Adelaide Uni	3	1	3	13	12	7
West Torrens	3	1	4	11	10	7
Brighton City	1	2	5	7	12	4
Flinders Uni	—	—	8	1	23	—
Juniors						
West Adelaide	7	1	—	38	3	15
Adelaide City	6	2	—	32	7	14
SAIT	4	1	2	21	11	9
Adelaide Uni	4	1	2	18	10	9
Noarlunga City	4	—	4	29	16	8
Brighton City	2	1	5	17	25	5
West Torrens	1	—	7	9	30	2
Flinders Uni	—	—	8	3	65	—

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Orange Sturt Utd	9	1	—	34	3	19
Adel Uni Black	8	1	1	30	10	17
Torrens Blue	8	—	2	47	5	16
Italian Students	7	—	3	32	15	14
SAIT	4	3	3	25	17	11
Sturt CAE	4	2	4	21	19	10
Graduates	4	1	5	12	19	9
Adel Uni White	3	2	5	16	27	8
Adel Uni Red	2	4	4	12	26	8
Torrens Gold	1	1	8	12	29	3
Adel Uni Blue	—	3	7	3	30	3
Flinders Uni	1	—	9	12	56	2

S.A. ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

APOLOGY

We apologise to the South Australian Soccer Federation for the incorrect details in the program last week and for any inconveniences it caused.

JUNE 24

THIS WEEK

FIRST DIVISION

Polonia Adelaide v Cumberland Utd	Polonia Reserve
U.S.C. Lion v Enfield Victoria	Hindmarsh
Croatia v Eliz. City	Hanson Reserve
Noarlunga Utd v E.D. Azzurri	Wilf Taylor Res.
Beograd Woodville v Para Hills	Woodville West Res.

SECOND DIVISION

Port Adelaide v Modbury	John Hart Res.
Windsor Ath. v Sth Adel.	T.K. Shutter Res.
Orange Sturt Utd v Salisbury Utd	Mortlock Park
Camp. Budapest v Don Largs Utd	Newtown Sp. Gd.
West Field APAC v Birk. Rovers	MacPherson Soc. Gd.

THIRD DIVISION

Adelaide City v Adelaide Uni	Olympic Sp. Fd.
Flinders Uni v West Torrens	Flinders Uni.
S.A.I.T. v Noarlunga City	Soccer Oval

Rowley-Barker-Upton Cup

Brighton v West Adel.	Kauri Parade Res.

NEXT WEEK

FIRST DIVISION

Cumberland v Para Hills
E.D. Azzurri v Polonia Adelaide
Elizabeth City v Noarlunga
Enfield Victoria v Croatia
USC Lion v Beograd Woodville

SECOND DIVISION

Modbury v Birkalla Rovers
Don Largs Utd v Port Adelaide
Salisbury Utd v Campbelltown Budapest
South Adelaide v Orange Sturt Utd
Windsor Athletic v West Fields APAC

THIRD DIVISION

Noarlunga City v Brighton City
West Torens v S.A.I.T.
Adelaide Uni v Flinders Uni

Challenge Cup

Adelaide City v West Adelaide

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SOCCER WORLD at the WORLD CUP

The match, billed as the game of the century, between Argentina and Brazil was basically a fizzer, duly but not dully ending in a scoreless draw in Roasrio.

From ANDREW DETTRE in Argentina

For once not benefitting from dubious hometown refereeing so rampant in the World Cup, Argentina looked inept and hesitant.

Just-recovered Luque's return to Argentina failed to inspire an attack where even the usually dangerous Kempes was subdued by alert Brazilian defence.

Brazil were easily the better of the two teams without being brilliant, and one felt if the deadlock was broken only the Brazilians were capable of doing it.

Countless fouls marred the match in which three Brazilians and one Argentinian were booked.

However, some theatricals by Argentine strikers failed to earn a penalty as against France on June 7.

During the entire match only two real chances occurred, one at each goal, as most of the play concentrated on midfield.

Few highly polished reputations escaped tarnish in the match: For Argentina Fillol, Passarella and Tarantini, for Brazil only Toninho, Oscar and Dirceu could escape criticism.

Argentina: Fillol, Galvan, Gallego, Olguin, Tarantini, Passarella, Ardiles (Villa), Bertoni, Ortiz (Alonso), Luque, Kempes.

Brazil: Leao, Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Neto, Dirceu, Batista, Gil, Mendonca (Zico), Roberto, Chicao.

Referee: Palotai (Hungary).

Italy looked jaded in a 1-0 win over Austria in Buenos Aires and could have easily dropped a precious point.

The only goal came in the 13th minute when Austrian fullback Strasser hesitated in the goalmouth, allowing Rossi to steal the ball and steer it home from a few metres.

In the first half one thought the Italians were playing well within themselves, but after the interval discovered that their sparkling form had gone.

As the Austrians pluckily surged forward for an equaliser the Italians returned to almost forgotten pro tricks of fouls, shirt-pulling and tripping.

Main offenders were Gentile, Bellugi and Benetti, though little Causio also looked like a roaring mouse.

Causio

The Austrians were unlucky not to get an equaliser but their finishing was poor and the Italian defence, though often in disarray, weathered the storm.

Bettega, far from fully fit, had a poor game and only Rossi, Tardelli and Cabrini — three young lions — carried Italy one step further towards the medal.

Italy: Zoff, Gentile, Bellugi (Cuccureddu), Scirea, Cabrini, Benetti, Tardelli, Zaccarelli, Causio, Rossi, Bettega (Graziani).

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Strasser, Hickersberger, Prohaska, Jara, Schachner (Pirkner), Kreuz, Krankl.

Goal: Rossi 13m. **Referee:** Rion (Belgium).

MATCH STORIES

Brazil at last played Brazilian soccer and demolished Peru 3-0 in Mendoza with a vastly improved display.

The new-look Brazil, with a faster Mendonca, Gil and Roberto, outwitted and outgunned their neighbors.

Busy little Dirceu got the first goal with a superbly bent freekick from 25 m in the 14th minute, then added a second 13 minutes later. Zico came on as a substitute and converted a penalty late in the second half.

However in the second half the Brazilians slowed their game, happy with the score and keen to avoid injuries.

It seems they were finding their old rhythm with constant running off the ball.

Peru had no answer to superior skill and even classy Cubillas looked somewhat jaded.

Brasil: Leao, Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Neto, Cerezo (Chicao), Dirceu, Batista, Gil (Zico), Mendonca, Roberrto.

Peru: Quiroga, Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Diaz (Navarro), Velazquez, Munante, Cueto, Cubillas, Oblitas (Rojas), Larosa.

Goals: Dirceu 14m and 27m, Zico 72m (pen.). **Referee:** Rainea (Rumania).

In Buenos Aires West Germany registered their third scoreless draw, holding a superior Italy to 0-0.

It was the fourth match in which the Germans didn't concede a goal, but their attack is also sterile with Fischer out of touch.

Italy's Bettega had three great chances to break the deadlock, two in the first half when he missed from close range after perfect moves.

A desperate German defence worked overtime to resist Italian attacks and Vogts tackled everything that moved.

Clearly this was a tactical battle as neither risked losing and dashing their further chances for the final.

After the interval Scirea's shot was cleared on the line by Vogts and towards the end two German chances were wasted with weak shots in the goalmouth by Beer and Fischer.

Italy: Zoff, Bellugi, Cabrini, Gentile, Scirea, Antognoni (Zaccarelli), Benetti, Tardelli, Causio, Rossi, Bettega.

Germany: Maier, Vogts, Dietz, Russmann, Kaltz, Bonhof, Zimmermann (Konopka), Flohe (Beer), Rummenigge, Fischer, Holzenbein.

Referee: Maksimovic (Yugoslavia).

Striker Kempes and goalie Fillol were the heroes of Argentina bulldozing their way to a 2-0 win over Poland in Rosario.

Without injured Luque and Alonso, Argentina relied again on its superb spirit to come through against the crafty Poles.

In the 15th minute Kempes headed home a cross from the left. Then it was Fillol's turn — within five minutes he produced two smashing saves.

Seven minutes from halftime, in a goalmouth scrimmage, Kemkpes touched the ball with Fillol stranded, but Deyna's weakly taken penalty was calmly held by the Argentine goalie.

Poland, fired by speedy Lato and dynamic Boniek, remained in the picture and often threatened an equaliser.

However, Kempes decided otherwise. In the 72nd minute he took a through ball in the middle, turned on sixpence and hammered home a glorious shot from 20 metres.

One more great Fillol save in the 75th minute following a Polish freekick produced excitement, but then the game slowly died with Polish hopes extinguished.

Kazimierz Deyna

Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia (Villa), Bertoni, Kempes, Houseman (Ortiz).

Poland: Tomaszeski, Makulewicz, Zmuda, Kasperczak, Szymanowski, Nawalka, Masztaler (Mazur), Deyna, Boniek, Szarmach, Lato.

Goals: Kempes 15m and 71m.

Referee: Ericsson (Sweden).

Holland, without injured stars Neeskens, Rijsbergen and Suurbier, outclassed Austria in Cordoba, winning 5-1.

At times Holland played like the 1974 team, though without much glitter, yet with more efficiency.

Brandt's header in the opening minutes shocked the Austrians, then two goals within a minute by Rensenbrink and Rep before halftime broke down resistance.

Rep's further goal in the 53rd minute was answered by Obermayer in the 70th, then Willie van de Kerkhof made it five.

The Austrians, obviously unprepared for four hard games in 13 days, played without the composure and spark shown in the first round.

Holland: Schrijvers, Portvliet, Krol, Jansen, Wildschut, Haan, W. van de Kerkhof, Rensenbrink, rep, Brandts (van Kraaij).

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Obermayer, Breitenberger, Pezzey, Hickersberger, Prohaska, Krankl, Kreuz, Jara, Krieger.

Goals: Brandts 6m, Rensenbrink 35m (pen.), Rep 36m, Rep 53m, Obermayer 70m, W. van de Kerkhof 72m. **Referee:** Gordon (Scotland).

West Germany came within one ace of laboring their way into the final, then poetic justice prevailed with a 2-2 draw against Holland, with the draw favoring Dutch chances.

Abramczyk's diving header opened the score in the second minute, but then Haan's speculative 30 m shot caught Maier napping.

After the interval Holland looked much sharper and everybody expected them to romp home.

But a shock German goal changed that. Hoolzenbein's quick freekick ran to Beer, whose cross was splendidly headed home by D. Muller.

With time running out Holland were in trouble but kept weaving their patterns.

Finally seven minutes from the end they received their reward. Rene van de Kerkhof broke through the middle, sold a great dummy and slotted the ball goalwards.

Desperate German stopper Russmann dived and tried to punch the ball clear but palmed it only into the corner for a crucial equaliser.

Drama came near the end. First Haan's freekick smacked against the post, then almost inexplicably Dutch substitute Nanninga was sent off barely 10 minutes after replacing Wildscht, allegedly for arguing with the Uruguay referee.

Recent picture of Argentina, hosts and one of the favorites for the 1978 World Cup.

Haan, Krol and Rene van de Kerkhof starred for Holland, while in the German team only Rummenigge, Beer and Russmann could be mentioned.

The first important clash of the two European giants since the 1974 cup final was a tame affair compared with the Munich drama, but once again Holland looked a more compact side.

West Germany: Maier, Vogts, dietz, Russmann, Kaltz, Bonhof, Abramczyk, Rummenigge, D. Muller, Beer, Holzenbein.

Holland: Schrijvers, Poortvliet, Krol, Haan, Wildschut (Nanninga), Jansen, Brandts, Rensenbrink, W. van der Kerkhof, R. van der Kerkhof, Rep.

Goals: Abramczyk 2m, Haan 26m, Muller 69m R. van der Kerkhof 83m.

Reveree: Barreto (Uruguay). **Sent off:** Nanninga.

Two rather dispirited teams met in Mendoza with the more mature and purposeful Poland beating Peru 1-0.

In the first half superbly skilled Peruvians held their own but then faded and were unable to cope with the fast, incisive Polish attacks fired by Lato and Boniek.

The sole goal came in the 64th minute when Peruvian fullbacks' nutmegging trick backfired, Lato stole the ball and his sharp cross was brilliantly headed home by a diving Szarmach.

Peru collapsed and Poland piled on the pressure, cutting through at will, but Lato, Deyna and Szarmach missed half a dozen chances.

Towards the end Peruvian goalie Quiroga entertained the crowd with sorties 60 metres out of goal.

Quiroga and Oblitas

But on one occasion his adventure failed and he had to grab Deyna by the arm, earning himself a caution.

Poland: Kukla, Maculewicz, Gorgon, Zmuda, Masztaler (Kasperczak), Deyna, Boniek, Szymanowski, Lato, Szarmach, Lubanski.

Peru: Quiroga, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Munante (Rojas), Cueto, Cubillas, Oblitas, Navarro, Quesada, Larosa (Sotil), Duarte.

Goal: Szarmach 64m. **Referee:** Partridge (England).

NO REDUCTION IN CUP FINALS

Australia shouldn't pin its hopes on a field of 24 finalists in the 1982 World Cup as this is unlikely to eventuate.

Despite FIFA's decision to recommend the increase from 16 and President Joao Havelange's personal campaign, the number is likely to remain 16 in Spain.

UEFA President, Dr Artemio Franchi, told Andrew Dettre this week that Colombians entrusted with the 1986 World Cup had advised they would be unable to cope with 24 teams.

So FIFA would be reluctant to go to 24 in Spain and return to 16 four years later.

Strangely, most European countries would have favored 24 but South Americans do not.

Even Havelange's strong support for the idea has weakened. Having been re-elected for a further four years and with no intention of running again, this juicy carrot is no longer offered to Asian, African and Oceanic countries.

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CLIFF-HANGER TO DECIDE FINALISTS

The identity of the two finalists was still shrouded in mystery before the last semi-final round, and the issue may not be decided until the last ball has been kicked on Wednesday (Thursday EST).

In Group A, Holland will play Italy in Buenos Aires and even a draw would give them a place in the final, as West Germany is unlikely to beat Austria 5-0.

Holland will have injured Neeskens and Rijsbergen back in action reinforcing their defence while in the Italian side Bettega and Bellugi carry minor injuries which visibly upset them.

In recent games Italy's early brilliance was hardly in evidence as though the team had tired after stiff battles.

Meanwhile Holland's form has been steadily improving. Even if they no longer display their former total football concept Holland move intelligently and powerfully.

Their finishing is also superior to Italy's and this could ultimately give them the edge for at least a draw.

West German's only hope for the final now is a 5-0 win coupled with 0-0 draw between Holland and Italy — but don't bet on this.

Although disappointing Fischer's replacement Muller is much sharper, the German attack is not brilliant enough to pile the goals needed.

I think Germany will win but this might only give them the right to play for third place.

In group B the issue is between Argentina and Brazil; at present Brazil's goal difference is one better.

They play Poland and won't have an easy match as the Poles, too, hope for a win and a match for third place.

But Brazil seems good enough to win especially if prodigal son Zico gets the chance to team up with Dirceu and Roberto once more.

Poland is efficient but an unexciting side with only Boniek and Lato spelling danger and these two are certain to receive ample attention.

Brazil's Zico in action.

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Argentina's tussle will follow two hours later against Peru with knowledge of the Brazilian result.

If Brazil had by then won by two goals or so the Argentinians might become too rattled and impatient to peg back the deficit.

Peruvian goalie Quiroga, Argentine-born, will be keenly watched.

If he plays a stinker a ready made accusation will be that he threw the game. If he thwarts a big enough Argentine win Quiroga is sure to be regarded as a traitor.

So what's likely to happen? I feel Holland is good enough to earn a draw and will make the final while the Germans with a win over Austria can play for third place.

Argentina's task against Peru looks less formidable than Brazil's and may just sneak into the final on goal difference.

If the final is between Holland and Argentina, home atmosphere is sure to favour the sons of the gauchos.

Anywhere else in the world I'd tip Holland but perhaps not here.

The only teams so far unbeaten are Germany, Italy and Brazil and ironically all may miss out on the final.

My long range tip then is without knowing Wednesday's results, Argentina with considerable reluctance.

If they win it will be purely their undaunted spirit and willingness not teamwork that will carry them to the winners' stand.

All we can hope for now is a brilliant final to make us forget all the mediocrity — but this hope has been diminishing with every ordinary match seen lately.

CUP NEWS

Joe Venglos now new team boss of Czechoslovakia rated Italy as the most compact team in the tournament without weak spots. "They are one of few teams realising that strikers must hurry back to defend when the ball is lost. This is now a basic principle of successful soccer," he said.

Austrian star striker Krankl may land with Spanish Valencia instead of Barcelona, in a last minute change. Valencia have bettered Barcelona's offer which was $700,000.

West German star Uli Hoeness is here in Argentina writing a book on the cup with two journalists. He is bitter about his omission from the team by Helmut Schoen and hardly on speaking terms with his veteran boss.

Hungarian sources revealed that first reaction of team leaders after the expulsion of Nyilasi and Torocsik in the match against Argentina was to send the two young sinners home. However, this decision was never carried out. "They feared that by Dakar or somewhere along route they would shoot through," a good Hungarian source told me.

Swedish coach Georg Ericcson another casualty of World Cup, though not sacked, has been given "other assignments" by his federation and removed from the team.

Argentina — Brazil clash on Sunday in Rosario was regarded as a virtual final. Seats impossible to obtain and standing room tickets on blackmarket fetched $100, two weeks wages of the average Argentine worker.

Brisbane fans will be interested to know that their "vanished" goalie Osvaldo Borzi is now playing as second string for Buenos Aires first division side Huracan. Number one goalie is national team reserve Baley. According to Huracan coach Borzi is one of the best keepers in this city and now playing as fulltimer.

It's a small world . . . former Yugal star Joe Alagich spent a few days in Buenos Aires with his family then left for Europe. Last week Marconi official Tony Labozzetta and former President Carlo Zacariotto arrived to see games. Labozzetta said he was interested in securing one really top Argentine player even if a transfer fee had to be paid.

The Scottish team returned home after first round matches minus their 38 cases of whisky which they had brought along much to the consternation of Argentinians. Although driking laws here are extremely Liberal, I have not yet seen one local drunk, only tourists.

Mexico's inglorious cup run had an unhappy ending, when the team returned home at Mexico City airport fans awaited them with stones smashing cars and the team bus.

A madly keen Argentine fan in Rosario upon hearing that his team would play all three semifinal round games in his city went on a search for tickets. As none were available he placed advertisements in local papers and finally secured a ticket for all three games — in return for his 1968 model Ford car.

Rumors about Rivelino's alleged feud with coach Coutinho are probably untrue. Fact is Rivelino's slow style doesn't suit this Brazilian team and also the 32-year old Rio star is anxious to avoid damage to his reputation which could endanger his contract with Cosmos New York.

Tough anti-dope tests prevent teams from taking drugs in the World Cup — but nothing prevented them from using dope in last year's preliminary matches. Czechs here swear the Scots were doped to their eyeballs in Glasgow last year and Russians suspect Hungarians also took drugs before a vital match in Budapest. Seems that if FIFA takes this drug business seriously they should also introduce checks for World Cup preliminary matches not only finals.

Rather belatedly an economy campaign has been introduced by the organisers. The staff at the press centre had their hours cut back from six to four and half and jackets issued only to those girls who work in unheated conditions.

Two West German reporters were carpeted by Argentine authorities for writing stories with "political bias". Only intervention of the German embassy saved them from being expelled from the country.

Where are all the tourists? This is the question Argentinians are asking. Instead of an expected 100,000 foreign visitors they have only about 15,000 the majority from other South American countries. Australia figures on the list with 150 more than many European countries with teams in the finals. Reason for lack of tourists is manifold: great distance, high cost and uncertainty about conditions here. From Brazil instead of an anticipated 40,000 only some 3,000 came. Direct television was another argument in favor of staying home.

Pele working for a Caracas TV channel is often seen in Buenos Aires World Cup TV studio. Everytime he appears he is immediately surrounded by fans for his signature. This week I trailed in his wake behind the entourage along a corridor when from the opposite direction came with a friend another ex-prince of soccer Di Stefano. Pele worshippers never noticed him neither did Pele look up while Di Stefano passed with a bemused grin on his face.

Hungarian manager Lajos Baroti resigned from his post but stays on in Buenos Aires watching matches. "Last year we had a good fighting team. I just don't know what went wrong here" he said. "If we held out for a draw against Argentina in the opening game maybe everything would have been different."

Peter Bent of Sydney's Coca Cola would be happy to see the prominence of his company at the World Cup. Every stadium's press centre and working room has coke stands with free drinks and last week all journalists were presented with special Polaroid sunglasses inscribed "Argentina 78 Japan 79" for company involvement in next year's World Youth Cup.

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June 23	Group 1	6.00 p.m.	10.p.m.
June 25	Match for 3rd place (live)	4.00 a.m.	10 p.m.
June 26	World Cup Final (live)	4.00 a.m.	8.30 p.m.

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NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	12	—	2	32	6	24
Melita	9	—	3	24	12	18
Monaro	7	3	2	25	13	17
Sutherland	7	2	3	16	9	16
Auburn	6	1	4	26	12	13
APIA	5	3	5	15	14	13
Mv. Olympic	5	2	5	16	15	12
Manly	3	5	5	13	27	11
Toongabbie	3	4	5	9	13	10
Yugal	4	1	5	14	19	9
Avala	3	2	6	12	18	8
Granville	2	3	6	9	17	7
Arncliffe	2	2	9	6	25	6
Bankstown	1	2	9	9	26	4

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	12	1	—	36	5	25
Croatia	10	1	3	33	15	21
Arncliffe	6	4	2	31	8	16
APIA	7	2	3	17	12	16
Sutherland	7	1	4	36	11	15
Granville	6	3	4	20	14	15
Melita	5	2	3	15	15	12
Auburn	5	1	5	23	15	11
Mv. Olympic	4	3	5	15	22	11
Yugal	4	1	7	13	23	9
Toongabbie	2	3	7	15	25	7
Avala	3	—	9	15	29	6
Monaro	2	—	10	10	44	4
Bankstown	—	1	11	9	41	1

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	9	—	2	30	10	18
Sutherland	7	3	1	24	7	17
Granville	6	2	3	17	11	14
APIA	6	1	4	20	11	13
Arncliffe	4	3	4	17	16	11
Avala	5	1	6	17	25	11
Melita	5	—	5	10	14	10
Croatia	3	4	3	13	14	10
Bankstown	4	2	5	15	18	10
Toongabbie	3	3	5	17	20	9
Yugal	2	4	5	23	23	8
Auburn	1	1	7	5	15	3
Mv. Olympic	2	2	8	4	23	4

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	10	1	1	39	12	21
Blacktown	9	2	2	34	11	20
Revesby	7	3	2	23	15	17
Uni. of NSW	7	1	5	31	19	15
Polonia	5	5	1	16	12	15
Belmore	5	3	4	18	13	13
Warringah	4	3	6	19	18	11
NS-Inter	3	2	5	14	19	8
Gladesville	3	4	6	20	23	10
Queens Park	3	1	8	18	37	7
Marrickville	1	3	8	11	32	5
Guildford	2	—	9	17	32	4

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. of NSW	9	2	1	35	15	20
Belmore	9	2	1	28	11	20
Ku-ring-gai	6	4	1	22	15	16
Blacktown	6	3	3	26	18	15
Revesby	5	3	3	22	15	13
Gladesville	6	2	5	28	16	14
Polonia	3	4	4	19	20	10
Marrickville	3	4	5	21	30	10
Guildford	1	3	7	10	23	5
Guildford	1	3	6	10	20	5
Warringah	1	3	8	9	26	5
Queens Park	1	2	8	11	32	4

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	10	3	—	35	7	23
Warringah	8	4	1	23	8	20
Belmore	8	4	1	36	8	20
Ku-ring-gai	8	1	2	26	8	17
Gladesville	8	2	3	22	10	18
Polonia	6	1	4	23	13	12
Revesby	4	2	5	23	16	10
NS-Inter	3	1	6	9	20	7
Queens Park	2	1	7	11	23	5
Guildford	2	1	8	11	24	5
Uni. of NSW	2	1	9	13	40	5
Marrickville	—	—	12	6	48	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	11	2	—	49	16	24
Bathurst	9	2	2	28	11	20
Bondi	6	3	3	26	18	15
Lethbridge	5	2	4	20	17	12
West Ryde	3	6	4	14	17	12
Port Hacking	4	3	5	23	29	11
Yagoona	4	4	4	19	26	12
Dee Why	4	2	7	25	23	10
Riverstone	2	6	4	16	21	10
Lane Cove	3	3	6	15	20	9
Gladesville	2	4	6	16	23	8
Wenty	1	4	8	11	41	6

DIV. 3, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	10	—	2	46	14	20
Yagoona	8	2	2	40	15	18
Nepean	7	3	2	29	10	17
Port Hacking	8	1	3	31	17	17
Dee Why	5	4	4	22	20	14
Lethbridge	5	1	5	23	17	11
Bathurst	4	3	6	13	29	11
Lane Cove	3	4	4	17	20	10
Bondi	3	2	7	21	31	8
Riverstone	3	2	6	14	42	8
West Ryde	2	1	9	16	30	5
Wenty	1	1	9	6	33	3

All care is taken but no responsibility accepted with these tables. At times referees don't report the match result correctly — or at all — to the Federation and thus throw our tables out of gear.

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi	9	2	1	39	20	20
Bathurst	8	1	4	32	19	17
Port Hacking	6	4	2	28	12	16
Gladesville	6	3	3	19	18	15
Wenty	6	2	3	16	9	14
Nepean	6	2	4	22	16	14
Lane Cove	4	3	4	14	13	11
Dee Why	5	1	7	16	26	11
Lethbridge	3	3	5	18	16	9
Yagoona	2	2	8	22	30	6
Denistone	1	3	7	6	40	5
West Ryde	1	2	9	12	25	4

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	8	4	—	31	10	20
Campbelltown	5	5	2	24	17	15
Hurstville	7	1	4	30	25	15
Sydney Uni.	7	1	4	25	21	15
Ryde	5	4	3	25	17	14
Greenwich	5	4	3	19	16	14
Ashcroft	5	2	3	18	15	12
Nth. B'town.	4	2	5	14	17	10
Artarmon	4	1	6	23	26	9
Padstow Park	4	—	7	25	31	8
Fairfield	2	1	8	10	21	5
Holroyd	—	1	11	11	39	1

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	10	1	1	36	8	21
Padstow	8	2	1	29	12	18
Campbelltown	7	3	2	26	15	17
Ashcroft	5	4	1	24	14	14
Artarmon	5	4	2	25	16	14
Ryde	4	3	5	17	23	11
Nth. B'town.	3	4	4	13	17	10
Fairfield	4	1	6	20	23	9
Hurstville	3	2	7	19	30	8
Greenwich	3	2	7	14	29	8
Holroyd	3	1	8	13	34	7
Sydney Uni.	—	1	11	11	28	1

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	9	1	—	33	12	19
Kingsford	6	3	1	26	10	15
Revesby Rov.	6	1	4	27	17	13
Chelsea	5	2	4	20	19	12
North Ryde	6	—	4	24	25	12
Paddington	3	4	3	18	18	10
Maroubra	4	2	6	19	22	10
Eastwood	3	3	5	17	23	9
North Rocks	2	2	6	15	26	6
Auburn Jrs.	2	1	6	16	22	5
Haberfield	—	2	7	7	30	2

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastwood	7	1	2	23	13	15
Paddington	7	—	2	25	11	14
Kingsford	5	2	3	28	16	12
Auburn Jrs.	5	2	2	27	13	12
North Rocks	5	2	4	24	22	12
Bonnyrigg	5	1	4	24	22	11
Revesby Rov.	4	1	6	15	26	9
North Ryde	4	1	5	23	29	9
Haberfield	3	1	5	14	21	7
Chelsea	3	1	7	18	28	7
Maroubra	2	—	9	16	36	4

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Holroyd	9	3	—	29	6	21
East Creek	8	3	—	37	10	19
Concordia	8	2	2	22	12	18
Pagewood	4	3	3	15	11	11
Fairfield West	4	2	3	24	15	10
Prospect	2	6	3	16	20	10
Canley Heights	3	2	5	17	27	8
Camden	3	2	7	18	32	8
Hawkesbury	3	1	5	12	20	7
W. St. George	1	4	5	21	30	6
Macquarie Uni.	2	2	5	17	23	6
Green Valley	1	2	8	19	41	4

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prospect	8	2	1	26	22	18
East Creek	7	3	1	31	13	17
Fairfield West	8	—	1	30	18	16
Canley Heights	6	1	3	19	18	13
W. St. George	5	2	4	20	16	12
West Holroyd	4	3	5	17	18	11
Concordia	3	3	5	15	20	9
Camden	4	1	7	19	30	9
Pagewood	3	1	6	17	24	7
Macquarie Uni.	3	1	5	18	13	7
Green Valley	3	—	8	17	32	6
Hawkesbury	—	1	8	9	23	1

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi	8	3	1	36	18	19
Edensor	7	2	—	27	11	16
Bankstown Sp.	5	4	1	36	20	14
Chullora	6	2	2	32	14	14
Liverpool	5	3	3	30	17	13
Moorebank	6	1	4	33	24	13
Southern Dists.	4	3	3	29	24	11
Lakemba	3	4	3	22	20	10
South Sydney	2	3	6	15	33	7
Mt. Pritchard	2	—	9	16	35	4
Emu Plains	2	—	9	12	41	4
Greystanes	1	1	9	14	15	3

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorebank	9	1	1	32	15	19
Maccabi	8	3	1	33	17	19
Chullora	8	1	1	39	16	17
Liverpool	5	2	4	20	15	12
Edensor	5	1	3	27	15	11
Southern Dists.	4	3	4	30	19	11
Mt. Pritchard	4	2	5	17	28	10
Bankstown Sp.	5	—	5	24	24	10
Lakemba	4	1	5	19	16	9
Greystanes	2	4	5	21	21	8
Emu Plains	—	1	10	5	37	1
South Sydney	—	1	10	5	50	1

POLONIA BATTLE FOR POINTS

— By Charles Spiteri —

The clash between Revesby Workers and Polonia at Milperra will highlight the resumption of another full round of matches in second division this weekend.

Polonia, still reeling after their defeat by North Sydney Inter, cannot afford to drop one point in this match if it is to keep in touch with the leaders.

Polonia might field their new striker from first division Polish club Arka Gdynia who was expected to arrive in Australia this week.

He is Sbigniew Stozelecki and comes with a good reputation for scoring goals.

In other matches competition leader Ku-ring-gai meets the unpredictable Queens Park — another game in which the leaders can't afford to relax even though they are favorite to win.

Blacktown, only one point behind the leaders, meets Warringah Saints in a match they should win without being fully extended.

The wet weather and the International between Greece and Australia resulted in only one match being played last weekend.

GUILDFORD v GLADESVILLE 1-2

Two goals in the last 15 minutes enabled Gladesville to turn the tables on Guildford who only last week beat Gladesville 6-2.

Striving for another two points, Guildford played good football in the first half and deserved to lead 1-0 at the break. The goal came in the 20th minute when a freekick by Graham Hann hit a defender in the wall and deflected into the net.

After the interval, Gladesville coach Phil Wilcox made a tactical move by bringing in Terry Ward, **changing the pattern of play to 4-2-4.**

Eddie Lorenc, who had a brilliant game, set up the equaliser when he beat two defenders before passing to Roger McNaughton who hit a left-footed drive to score the best goal of the match.

Within five minutes, Lorenc set up the second for replacement Terry Ward to hammer home and get the two points.

GUILDFORD: Picketts, Bins, Hunter, Tracey, G. Lowe, C. Lowe, Moss (Evans), Hann (1), Robinson, Fiore, Northcote (Christie).

GLADESVILLE: Carlisle, Hill, Mayoh, Gray (Ward 1), McMullen, Greenhalgh, Waud, Balensuela, Lorenc, McNaughton (1), Muston.

DIVISION TWO

THIS WEEK SYDNEY DRAWS

THIRD DIVISION

Saturday: Nepean v Bathurst, Jamieson Park; West Ryde v Dee Why, Waud SG **Sunday:** Port Hacking v Gladesville Ravens, Seymour Shaw Pk; Yagoona v Bondi, O'Neil Pk; Riverstone v Lethbridge, Schofields Pk; Wenty v Lane Cove, Centenary Pk.

FOURTH DIVISION

Saturday: Sydney University v Artarmon, St Johns Oval; Padstown v North Bankstown, Soccer Centre. **Sunday:** Ashcroft v Campbelltown City, Stanwell Oval; Greenwich v Ryde, Gore Creek; Fairfield Kiev v Baulkham Hills, Knight Pk; Hurstville Zagreb v Holroyd Rangers, Evatt Pk.

FIFTH DIVISION

Saturday: Eastwood v Kingsford, Eastwood Oval; Maroubra v Auburn Juniors, Coral Sea Pk. **Sunday:** Haberfield v Paddington Spanish, Beaman Pk; Bonnyrigg v Chelsea, St Johns Pk; Revesby Rovers v North Ryde, Amour Pk, North Rocks, bye.

SIXTH DIVISION

Saturday: Canley Hts v Prospect County, Kings Pk, Concordia v Fairfield, Mahoney Oval. **Sunday:** West Holroyd v Camden, Pendle Hill Pk; Hawkesbury v West St George, North Richmond Oval; Pagewood v Macquarie University, Jellicoe Pk; Green Valley v Eastern Creek, Blamfield Oval.

SEVENTH DIVISION

Saturday: Lakemba RSC v Sydney Maccabi, Parry Pk. No. 1; South Sydney v Bankstown Sports, Booralee Pk. Sunday: Southern Dists. v Liverpool, Hoxton Pk; Greystanes v Emu Plains, Bathurst St Pk; Chullora v Edensor Pk, Lockwood Pk; Moorebank v Mt Pritchard, Hammondville Pk.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Suth. v Mv Olym.	2-1	1-0	0-0
Mon. v Banks	4-0	3-2	—
Melita v Croatia	postponed		
Auburn v T'gabbie	postponed		

SECOND DIVISION

Guildford v G'ville	1-2	0-3	0-1

THIRD DIVISION

B'urst v Pt Hacking	2-0	0-1	2-1
Dee Why v G'ville	2-2	3-0	1-2
Bondi v Nepean	1-1	1-3	4-0
West Ryd v Wenty	2-2	—	—

FOURTH DIVISION

Camp'town v Greenwich	1-1	2-0
Holroyd v Ryde Dist	0-4	0-0
Baulk H v Syd Uni	4-1	2-0
Nth B'town v Fairfield	0-2	1-0
H'ville v Padstow Pk	5-4	0-3

FIFTH DIVISION

Chelsea v Haberfield	2-2	1-0
Nth Ryde v Nth Rocks	4-1	2-0
Maroubra v Revesby	2-1	4-0
Paddington v Eastwood	1-3	—

SIXTH DIVISION

Camden v Hawkesbury	3-1	3-2
Macq Uni v Holroyd	0-0	2-2
Prospect v Pagewood	1-1	3-2
Concordia v G Valley	2-0	3-4

SEVENTH DIVISION

Maccabi v South Dist	6-0	3-1

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Newcastle

Utility player Peter Kay has been transferred to Perth Azzurri, in West Australia.

Kay was one of the players brought to Australia by coach Alan Vest to build a side for Newcastle's entry into the Philips Soccer League this season.

Another player to disappear from the United camp is John B. Turnbull who has returned to Weston Bears.

Weston the reigning champions in the Rothmans Northern NSW first division have struggled all season through the lack of a consistent net finder.

Last week Big JB (as he is affectionately called by the Weston fans) scored Weston's first goal since mid-April to end a long famine for the Bears.

Brisbane

At last the message has got through. After this year's so-so display in the national titles under 19 and under 16 levels, steps have been taken to ensure that next time the Queensland boys will be ready, as of now, coaches Dennis Ford of Brisbane City and Fred Robins (who has given the unenviable task of getting the under 19's ready in two weeks) are to take the boys one night a week, building up slowly as the season progresses. Many local pundits are breathing huge sighs preferring to give thanks rather than wonder why it has taken so long.

John Stewart, a local Brisbane lad, who paid his own fare over to England to trial with Bristol City appears to have struck "pay dirt". John is presently home on holidays at Bristol's expense and returns soon to England for the new season's training. While in Brisbane he is "guesting" with his old club local first division club Mt Gravatt.

Brisbane, one of the success stories in Philips League Soccer is now slipping behind the rest of the country when "gates" are compared. Lions, who have more or less cast off their "ethnic tab" cannot attract people despite performing admirably in the competition and City who have always boasted a huge "Italian" following are slowly but surely losing their huge following of yesteryear as they languish in the lower half of the league table. They were always well supported when they were Queensland "top dogs". Some fans don't appear to relish playing second fiddle even though the competition is three times harder and the soccer standard much higher.

Local clubs have now been vetted for next year's Stage League. Grange Thistle, Eagles and Mt Gravatt appear to have been "given the nod" with St George and North Brisbane pressing claims for the fourth spot. Good suggestion being put around is that new competition should be held under floodlights during the summer months.

SOCCER — LESS INJURIES

The huge telethon in Sydney to benefit quadriplegic Rugby League player John Farragher brings urgent questions to light.

The unfortunate young man has our sincere sympathies, but there have been a number of others in NSW and Queensland and now St George's Mark Schulman has given up to avoid suffering irreparable damage.

Top medical specialists have pointed to the disparity in the number of rugby players' spinal and neck injuries, which are high indeed when compared even with serious road injuries.

Looking back at other years there are many famous Rugby players who have had vertabrae fusions to overcome back trouble, often caused by such troubles as collapsing scrums.

It is hard indeed to remember cases of soccer players who have had such severe problems. So often it is comparative trivia such as cartilages, ankles and hamstrings — occasionally a broken bone.

This situation was recognised by a leading insurance company whose injury premiums are in the proportions of 3 for rugby, 2 for rules and 1 for soccer.

It is little wonder that soccer has captured so much of the junior and schoolboy sporting interest, as parents are so vitally concerned.

LETTER TO EDITOR

In a recent PSL game on TV I was appalled by the number of players who had their socks down over their boots within 10 minutes of the kick-off.

There is no excuse for this sort of dress in a football team, and certainly not at professional level.

Some commentators also need to correct their commentary wording.

The goalkeeper was congratulated for saving a penalty goal although there is no such thing.

And whilst on the subject of corrections, "Soccer World" mentioned the FA Cup and the Scottish FA Cup.

Since when have things been changed. I've always known it as the Scottish Cup.

G. G. Liddell,
Leura, NSW

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STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

MONARO — BANKSTOWN 4-0 (0-0)

A superb goal by Tony Morsello, and a spectacular hat trick by Walter Valeri in ten minutes destroyed a brave and tenacious Bankstown. Monaro had to wait over an hour before they could pierce the Sydney team's defence, but once the deadlock had been broken, there was no holding the Queanbeyan champs. Playing without Giampaolo, Monaro pushed Alan Bourke into the front spot, where he had an excellent match, and was unlucky not to score with a superb diving header which struck the post. George Campbell also aquitted himself well, being a tireless creator in midfield. The standard of football was high considering the wet and slippery pitch, with Bankstown defending in force, yet being always willing to counter attack swiftly. However the sheer pressure of Monaro up front was the telling factor, and all four goals were well earned.

MONARO: Palec 4, O'Maye 3, Di Paoli 3, Cumming 3, Santolin 4, Forwood 3, Bourke 4, Lawler 4, Campbell 4, Valeri 5, Morsello 4.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, P. Thompson 3, Morrison 3, Lynch 4, Rootsey 3, Trusty 3, McMillan 3, Williams 4, Peck 3, Dailey 4, Tansley 3.

Goals: 1-0 Morsello (70m); 2-0 Valeri (80m); 3-0 Valeri (81m); 4-0 Valeri (88m). **Referee:** J. Vander Lende. **Crowd:** 570.

— J. CHIERA

SUTHERLAND — MARRICKVILLE 2-1 (1-1)

Sutherland just about deserved the win over Olympic, but their form was far from encouraging. Had Marrickville's very worthwhile newcomer Jim Bryden taken the two easy chances midway through the second half then Marrickville would have been in the box seat. Norm Penman was superb in the air for Marrickville, and when his team wilted in the final 20 minutes he was the one that kept the Shire out until Paul Smith's diving header in the final minutes sealed his team's win. Many of the Shire players are below their best, but there seems to be insufficient pressure from the reserve team to fill their places. Unfortunately for Olympic Ali El Zein did not have a good game, but Penman, Bryden and Eric Williams did well.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Schumann 2, Wykes 3, Watkiss 3, Dal Forno 2, Meades 3, Beggs 3, Smith 4, C. Hall 2, Basterfield 3, P. Hall 3 (Hesford: 75m).

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 2, Nezeritis 2, Sheldrick 2, Penman 4, H. Xipolitas 3, Thompson 3, Balafas 2, Williams 3, Bryden 4, Katholas 2 (Kable: 46m), Brown 2.

Goals: 1-0 Basterfield (15m), 1-1 Balafas (20m), 2-1 Smith (86m). **Referee:** R. Sandell. **Crowd:** 633.

—R. DEWICK

OVERSEAS TOUR FOR WOMEN

A young Miss from Macquarie Fields, near Campbelltown, will lead the Australian attack when the Australian women's team tours overseas later this year.

She is 21-year-old centre-forward Connie Byrnes, who plays for the Ingleburn RSL Women's team in the Nepean District competition.

The first national women's team to generally tour Asia in November will play internationals against Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong and the side may continue on to Europe.

Previous trips have been confined to Hong Kong and New Zealand.

An 18-girl squad has been selected only recently following a train-on squad of 24 which spent two weeks in camp at St. Gregory's College, near Campbelltown.

Connie, a clerk-typist at the University Farm, near Camden, plays centre forward in the Ingleburn team which is at present leading the competition.

With team mates Debbie Schnebli, 20, of Macquarie Fields, and Belinda Dobson, 17, of Rossmore, Connie was in the NSW team which went through undefeated in the Australian Women's Championships in Perth last year.

Debbie, who plays goalkeeper for Ingleburn, is a talented player who stood a good chance of making the national team but was unavailable for selection because of her work as a nurse.

The coming four-week tour is to be funded by the Australian Women's Soccer Federation with the aid of sponsorship and government grants.

Mr. Jim Selby will accompany the team overseas as the team's coach and sole selector.

RULES AND RULES

The "right of appeal" which is part of our way of life in this democratic society appears to be completely unheard of when it comes to junior and amateur soccer in the suburbs.

Rules and regulations devised **by the different bodies seem to** be hardly worth the paper they are written on.

In a case that came to light this week, an under 21 player in the suburbs was sidelined for the rest of the year after technically being refused the right of such an appeal.

For some eight weeks this player sought a clearance from the Parramatta RSL Club which runs an under 21 team who are being thrashed by double figure scores in many games.

Lodging an appeal with the Granville District Football Association was of no avail as the Association in its wisdom decided "not to intervene" in the case.

One wonders what Associations are there for . . . they are supposed to be the referees in **such matters but by deciding to opt out they support the club "in-**directly" by technically refusing the player his right of appeal.

According to the rules of the Association a player could only be refused a clearance on (a) being unfinancial (b) disciplinary action, which do not apply in this case.

It makes one wonder what the rules and regulations are written for, if those who make them, can't abide by them.

Ramirez returns to liven Olympic

NSW STATE LEAGUE

Oscar Ramirez, the striker that Marrickville Olympic are depending upon, arrived back in Sydney last Saturday to rejoin the club.

— By Keith Gilmour —

Coach John Xipolitas believes that two or three weeks will see Ramirez fully fit and proving a big asset to the team.

Unfortunately for Marrickville they missed a point or two against Sutherland last Saturday, which makes their goal of a semi-final place that much harder to attain.

The club has received an unexpected bonus in the person of Western NSW and amateur representative player John Bryden.

This Sunday they are away to Arncliffe Scots at Hurstville Oval.

Last week the big Melita-Croatia and Auburn-Toongabbie clashes were washed out, an unfortunate occurrance that the State League can ill afford.

GRANVILLE v MONARO

Monaro must have points if their early promise is to be realised and a final four berth is to remain a possibility.

Kevin Lackey, Henry Selfridge and Bruce Waldron are the Magpies' form players, and evergreen Selfridge has a big job on his hands to keep those Monaro strikers at bay.

Walter Valeri is amongs the topscorers, now equal with Abonyi and McGovern, and Sebastian Giampoalo, also on the goalgrabbers' list, was good enough to play for the Australian team against Greece at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Sunday.

Monaro's back division has not been as strong as it started out, but if the team can settle early they should come away from Garside Park rejoicing.

AVALA v MELITA

Avala's last sorties produced a happy but unexpected draw with APIA, but whether they have a midfield sound enough to trouble Melita is difficult to envisage.

Avala's Tom Morrow was back to his top form against APIA, and his team will be so much stronger if he can continue to reproduce his strong runs and well-placed shots.

This match gives Melita coach Raoul Blanco the chance to show if his team's style is developing into one in which a change of pace can be used if a lead is to be gained or an advantage is to be held.

Some contend that Melita is a one-pace outfit, but the fact of the matter is that they are now playing like winners, and deservedly are second on the table to the strong Croatia.

ARNCLIFFE v MARRICKVILLE

Marrickville Olympic went down very narrowly to Sutherland last week, and their form indicated that they will be a difficult team for Arncliffe to hold at Hurstville Oval.

Spirits remain high at Olympic, **especially as South American Oscar** Ramirez is back with them.

Ross Brown is gradually coming good and he now has six goals to his credit, which is not that far behind leaders Atti Abonyi and Ian McGovern on 10.

At his last outing Nelson Brizuela looked the part with Arncliffe.

He and his fellow forwards are certain to cause some trouble to the Marrickville defence, which is well handled by Norm Penman and Alan Sheldrick.

SUTHERLAND v TOONGABBIE

The two points riding on this match are vital to Sutherland if they are to continue their march towards the semi-finals.

Last week's performance was below par, and they need Keith Schumann and Craig Hall back to the form they are capable of producing.

The match should bring a very close result, and much depends on whether Jim Izatt, Carlos Ortega, Frank Benito de Valle and Larry Armytage can finish off the expected good work from the midfield and back.

Last week Paul Smith knocked in a winning goal with a great diving header, indicating that Toongabbie will need to police him closely this time.

APIA v MANLY

Manly have developed the habit of worrying the soulcase out of APIA, but can they do it again this week at Lambert Park?

For APIA young Alistair Link is settling in well now, and Ken Lindsay is starting to do the midfield job that he handled so well with his former club, Western Suburbs.

Full use is not being made of Eric Carruthers, who was a very experienced setter up of goals with his original club, Derby County, and subsequently with West Adelaide.

Manly's Mick Banks, Bob Geoghegan and youngster Kay are performing well, but whilst an upset in Manly's favor is not very likely, Manly coach Richard Alagich and his charges are working on it.

AUBURN v YUGAL

These teams should provide a fast-moving match, with Auburn the more likely of the two to win out.

Auburn's last game saw them gain a meritorious win over Monaro, the early leaders, and they are anxious to keep the ball rolling.

Coach Joe Martin must be pleased with the way Kevin Dobson is controlling play, and Bruno Vidaic performed well when he came back into the first team.

Yugal coach Tony Schwarz has been obtaining modest but improved results, with Dusan Purac and Andy Mandrides prominent in the efforts.

Auburn impress as the more disciplined team, and they should win by a narrow margin.

BANKSTOWN v CROATIA

A big turn out is certain for Croatia's last appearance prior to leaving for their historic tour of North America.

The trip has caused some disruption to State League schedules, but their opponents have been very accommodating indeed in changing match dates to suit.

Croatia's players could be excused for avoiding injuries on the eve of their trip, and this could be a point to Bankstown's advantage.

It certainly is time for Bankstown to start lifting themselves out of bottom place, as the players have definite talents.

This however is unlikely to be the occasion on which they can celebrate at their Bankstown club headquarters.

TV DRAW FOR CUP ROUND 2

There will be a fanfare of trumpets as the second round draw of the Philips Cup is televised live on Melbourne's Channel 0 at 7pm next Monday night.

The timeing has to be confirmed, but at press time it is a near certainty.

The draw will then become a segment of the Philips Top Soccer program for televising in all mainland states.

It will be shown on Tuesday by TEN-10 Sydney, on Thursday by Newcastle NBN-3, Brisbane TVQ-0, Adelaide SASIO, and in Canberra on Sunday at the usual night viewing time.

And, when it comes to the late, late show, at last Marconi and Croatia play their first round tie at Marconi Oval this Wednesday night at 8pm.

Croatia have gained from the cancellation of their washed out State League match against arch-rivals Melita Eagles last Saturday.

Peter Sharne and Paul Degney have become unavailable for Marconi after playing in last Sunday's Philips league clash with Footscray and foregoing their international commitments.

Marconi have a distinct advantage in the expertise of their veterans Ray Richards, Roberto Vieri and Ivo Prskalo as well as Jim Rooney if his knee problems clears up.

Croatia must expect big things as usual from player-coach Atti Abonyi, and from their talented defender Bruno Cagalj.

The last first round game saw Brisbane City narrow 1-0 winners over Queensland State League club St George Souths.

The aim is to complete the second round during July.

The quarter final round takes place after the end of the Top Four series, and is designed to send the season out on a high note.

The full complement of clubs for the draw is: Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Sydney Olympic, Easts-Hakoah, St George, Western Suburbs, Newcastle United, Canberra City, George Cross, Fitzroy, South Melbourne, Essendon Croatia, Beograd Woodville, West Adelaide, Adelaide City, plus the winner of Marconi v Croatia.

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THIS WEEK

St. Geo. Drags v Marconi Comets .....Barton Park, 1pm Sun.
Marc. Raid. v St. Geo. Colts .....Bossley Park, 1pm Sun.
Newcastle Utd. v Syd. Olym. .....Macquarie Field, 2pm Sat.
ES Hakoah v West. NSW .....Wentworth Park, date to be fixed
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Granville v Inter Monaro .....Garside Park
Sutherland v Toongabbie .....Seymour Shaw
Avala v Melita .....Mona Park

SECOND DIVISION

U.N.S.W. v Marrickville .....David Philips Field
Belmore v Gladesville Hby .....Blick Oval

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

FIRST DIVISION

Arncliffe v MV Olympic .....Hurstville Oval
APIA v Manly .....Lambert Park
Auburn v Yugal .....Mona Park
Bankstown v Croatia .....Soccer Centre

SECOND DIVISION

Revesby v Polonia .....Milperra Reserve
Ku-ring-gai v Queens Park .....Parkland Oval
Blacktown Utd v Warringah .....Francis Park
NS Inter v Guildford .....Garside Park

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 1

FIRST DIVISION

FIRST DIVISION

APIA v Granville .....Lambert Park
Yugal v Manly .....Garside Park

SECOND DIVISION

Queens Park v Marrickville .....Navy Spts Grd
Belmore v Uni NSW .....Blick Oval

SUNDAY, July 2

FIRST DIVISION

Monaro v Sutherland .....Marco Polo Oval
Toongabbie v MV Olympic .....Girraween Park
Melita v Auburn .....Garside Park
Bankstown v Avala .....Soccer Centre

SECOND DIVISION

Warrin .....Graham Reserve
Polonia v Ku-ring-gai .....Chopin Park
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Thrills delayed in tame draw

Australian XI 1, Greece 1

This was certainly the least attractive of the three Greek tour matches, although it did go out with a bang over the last 13 minutes to end with a 1-1 draw.

Greek midfielder Petros Karavitis carved a gaping hole in the Australian defence to score a magnificent 12th minute goal.

The rest of the half produced a sloppy performance by both teams, and the action came following Murray Barnes' successful 77th minute penalty shot.

The match contrasted absolutely with the 1971 1-0 win by Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground, which was watched by a simmering 27,000 crowd as against an at times subdued 15,320 on this occasion.

Looking back, there were the delights of watching Johnny Warren, Billy Vojtek and Atti Abonyi at their best — where were the skills to match those of yesteryear on this occasion?

Perhaps only in the non-stop display of Peter Stone, who played magnificently apart from the blemish that led to the Greek goal.

Stone prepared for a backpass but was put off when he saw Christos Terzanidis race into the gap.

Karavatis came in with a measured shoulder charge, Stone could not recover, and the Greek swung left and angled a perfect shot into the far end of Todd Clarke's goal.

The Australians were handicapped by the loss of suspended Marconi players Paul Degney and Peter Sharne.

Replacements George Harris and John Davies had played the previous day for their clubs in Canberra.

Phil O'Connor turned out although he had the 'flu, and Joe Senkalski had not been in Sydney Olympic's first team for the past three weeks.

The Australian defence was in an early tangle, but thankfully Christos Liakos fluffed his shot.

At the other end big Anthimos Kapsis towered over clever little John Davies and Senkalski to secure everything in the air.

Christos Ifanidis, brilliant in the earlier tour matches, made a couple of moves, but one header went high and wide from a good position.

Kapsis collected a caution from referee David Yelland for handling a high ball, splendidly smashed by Barnes to Sebastian Giampoalo on the right wing.

Ifandidis twice hit high with first half shots, and for Australia Barnes was just over the bar in the 29th minute.

Phil O'Connor livened things up when he came on in the 60th minute.

The Greeks disputed the penalty decision seventeen minutes later, but referee Yelland was emphatic that Petros Ravousis had pulled back Joe Senkalski.

Barnes' penalty kick went like a rocket at its maximum speed.

He was unlucky to collect a yellow card when the clever No 3 Theodoros Pallas did a dive.

He stood his ground well, in a short dust-up with No 2, John Kryastas.

At times the overwhelmingly Greek crowd called for "Hellas", but at other times the excitement was limited indeed.

Australian XI: Clarke (Meir 66m), Iozzelli, Perry, Bennett, Harris, Barnes, J. O'Shea, Stone, Senkalski, Davies (Karaspyros 66m), Giampaolo (O'Connor 60m).

Greece: Christidis, Kryastas, Pallas, Ravousis, Kapsis, Terzanidis, Kondogeogakis, Karavitis (Alexiados), Liakos (Ziakos), Xanthopoulos, Ifandidis.

Goals: Karavitis (12m), Barnes (77m penalty). **Cautions:** Kapsis, Barnes. **Referee:** D. Yelland (Melbourne). **Crowd:** 15,230.

— K. GILMOUR

CLUB PATROL

Edited by STEPHEN DETTRE Ph: 406-4551

FIFA badge referee Tony Boskovic will receive a special FIFA award during a function to be held at the hakoah Club, Bondi, on Friday, July 7. Tony's services are so highly regarded that the presentation is one of only some fifteen being issued world-wide, and the award will not be repeated. Attending the function will be fellow referees, officials of the Australian Soccer Federation, and members of the Soccer Press Association.

Marrickville Olympic received a one year lease of Arlington Oval from the local Council. Their 20 year lease application was deferred as some damage was done to ground facilities, for which their club was in no way responsible. They have strong hopes that Council will see the matter their way in 1979, and if so they plan to make some real improvements to the ground and seek more adequate parking arrangements.

Steve O'Connor, the Easts-Hakoah defender, will be out for some weeks. Three weeks ago Bob Mountford's elbow caught him on the nose, breaking it.

One of the strikers opponents fear is Easts-Hakoah's Terry Smith. It looks as if his injury will mean that much of 1978 season is a write-off, as in recent times he has only appeared in the Philips Cup game in Brisbane against Southside Eagles.

Last week Adelaide City missed fielding Agenor Muniz (ankle injury), and Robert Marwe (ruptured blood vessel in his thigh). However Gary Marocchi and John Nyskohus were both back from playing against Greece, so the vacancies were soon filled.

Western Suburbs midfielder Robbie Drewes, a State under 19 player, was called in to play against Brisbane Lions last week, as was solid defender Barry Campbell.

It is a pity that a good drainage system is not installed at Garside Park. State League clubs are losing heavily as the match between Melita and Croatia last Saturday indicated. The game had to be called off and fans had nowhere to go on what turned out to be a perfectly sunny day. Even more difficult is the position at Mona Park, which was declared unplayable as well.

Marrickville Olympic coach John Xipolitas planned a party for last Sunday in his new home, to which the players were invited. Unfortunately a late goal for Sutherland against Olympic on Saturday meant that they could not even celebrate a draw.

Granville winger Phil Jones has moved to Croatia on an 'on loan' basis for the remainder of the season.

Monaro's Sebastian Giampaolo performed well when he played for 60 minutes against the Greek national team in Sunday's Sydney Cricket Ground match. John Karaspyros did not have a great time to settle in when he replaced John Davies, but he also showed distinct talents.

Con Davourlis has played his last game for Sydney Olympic and has departed for Greece.

A 23 year old player from the Illawarra District was suspended last week for eight years following an incident involving a referee. He faced the district judiciary on charges of manhandling the referee and spitting at him. The suspension runs out on January 1, 1986.

George Ramage, the former St George goalkeeper has been appointed coach of Corrimal United. He takes over from Steve Langford — a former team mate in the South Coast United team — who was sacked earlier by the club's committee.

3 TO 7

6th Div. Club, Camden, are in the midst of plans for additions to their Club House. Also planned for '79 will be the re-surfacing of their patch at Ponderossa Park. The Club will also be looking for a non-playing coach for the '79 Season. Anyone interested should phone the Secretary Mr Ron Dines on (047) 66-8774.

Upon reaching the 100th Match, players from 7th Div. Club Greystanes, receive a Memento Trophy. During this season to date 3 players have reached the 100th mark — Stephen Frogrook, Ray Speirs, Bob Walker.

Moorebank, 7th Div. Club, has been without their Centre Back Keith Hird, who suffered torn cruciate knee ligaments. Now doing light training, Keith expects to be back on the field in a few weeks. Moorebank are still looking for a First Class goalkeeper. Anyone interested should phone Mr Bill Clark on 602-7866.

Bankstown Sports, 7th Div. Club, welcome back one of their up and coming young players, Ian Lancaster. Ian has just passed a fitness test, having suffered a work injury. Also back from the injury list is midfielder, Paul Crimp.

Baulkham Hills Club must be on 'cloud nine' with the 4-1 win over Sydney University, the second placed club in 4th Division. Hills has consolidated its position at the top with a clear 4 points lead. With new midfield signing Graham Cook from Blacktown and with the recovery of many injured players, Baulkham Hills is clearly poised to remain on top.

5th Div. Club, Kingsford had the honour last Saturday to be host to the Greek National Team. The reception which was attended by officials and many members of the club, was held in the Greek Club, Castellorizian. In a separate reception held by Qantas in honour of the visiting team, Kingsford captain, Glen Walker, presented club badges to the Coach of the Greek team, Mr Panagoulas.

7th Div. club Lakemba RSL held a very successful picnic at Parry Park last Sunday for their 2 Federation teams and 10 junior teams. The club presented all players with a green and gold warm-up jacket. With a great deal of enthusiastic members, novelty and sprint races were run for juniors and 2 matches were played — managers and coaches v under 14's and ladies v under 10's.

5th Div. Bonnyrigg Eagles Player, Gilbert Samuel, ex-Marconi, is recovering from a knee injury. He will start training this week, expecting to be back in the team for the Chelsea matches next week-end.

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM GREEK WIN

Greece defeated Australia 1-0 in a tough bruising international at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday, June 14.

Greece were superior in skills and pace, but Australia strove valiantly to atone for their deficiencies in these departments by contesting with admirable determination.

The international proved a useful fact-finding exercise for both countries.

Both showed that they have the necessary player talent to qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals, but that there is much hard work required before either can achieve that ambition.

Australia, despite the loss, emerged with more to enthuse over for the future because they fielded a younger team than Greece whose best player was veteran Christos Terzanidis.

It was Terzanidis who hit the post with a stinging drive to enable Christos Ifandidis to score the match-winning goal from the rebound.

Australia's mid-field meekness in the first half upset coach Jim Shoulder who said, "It wasn't the loss which worried me but the performance."

Granted it was not one of Australia's finest efforts, but it was far from the worst and had the usually reliable Murray Barnes taken his scoring chances, Australia's good record against Greece would have been maintained.

Goal: Ifandidis (70m). **Referee:** D. Campbell (SA). **Crowd:** 10,358. **Cautions:** Maher, Barnes, Kosmina, Kapsis, Xanthopoulos.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 5, Byrne 3, Jones 4, Bennett 4, **Tansey** 5, Barnes 3 (O'Connor: 76m), Marocchi 4, Stone 3, Kosmina 3, Sharne 3, J. Nyskohus 3.

GREECE: Christidis 4, Kapsis 4, Pallas 4, Ravousis 3, Kapsis 4, **Terzanidis** 5, Kondogeorgakis 4 (Ziakos: 75m), Liakos 3 (Keravitis): 59m), Gesios 4, Xanthopoulos 2, **Ifandidis** 5.

NO OSCARS FOR THIS SHOW

Very few Australian players came out of the Greece match in Sydney with their reputations untarnished, but those who did, managed to even earn some further respect.

This was particularly so of Steve Perry and Phil O'Connor, even though the latter was only on for 30 minutes.

Perry was the mainstay in the back line, saving three dangerous situations with timely tackles on Ifandidis, Xanthopoulos and Karavitis, all of whom looked likely to score had it not been for the tigerish tackling of the Brisbane City sweeper.

O'Connor stood out like a shining light in the Australian forward line when he came on, for he was the only one willing to take on defenders, beat them and then hit tempting crosses across the face of the goal.

It was his move in the 74th minute that led to the penalty, while he created at least three other good chances that went begging.

Others who gave reasonable performances were Sauro Iozzelli, the young right back, Col Bennett, and John O'Shea, but they weren't able to stamp their personalities upon the game, and as a result just gave "honest" performances.

Peter Stone was a curious case, for he had a disastrous opening spell, but showed great courage by working at his game, refusing to withdraw into a shell, and eventually started to be effective in the second half.

The poor performances seemed, in the most part, to come from the strikers, especially Sebastian Giampaolo and Joe Senkalski.

Neither, to be true, received much service early, but they could have become more involved instead of deteriorating into lonesome figures wandering upfront.

Giampaolo especially disappointed, as he failed to show the aggression and skill which characterises his style, and was easily blotted out.

After hearing so much about the celebrated Ifandidis it was a big disappointment to see how ineffective he was throughout the match.

He had one golden chance in the second half, when he could have raced into the area to challenge only Clarke, but hesitated and allowed the Aussie defence to reassemble.

Karavitis and Xanthopoulos also were not as dominating as they could have been, and in fact one could sense a feeling of almost 'boredness' amongst the Greek players once they were a goal up.

They lacked zest and the killer punch, although Liakos was always willing to take on players in weaving runs.

The backline was most crude sometimes, with Kyrastas fully deserving his caution after some hair raising tackles.

Ziakos, when he came on late in the match, also provided the Greek team with some 'bite', and when tempers began to fray, his tackling did little to quieten things down.

Terzanidis provided some control from deep, but with his forward men in a rather lethargic mood there was far too much wastage of his talent.

In fact, Todd Clarke had very little to do on the day, saving perhaps one decent shot, illustrating how ineffective the Greeks were on the day, in a match that will rapidly vanish from memory as a result of the lack of good football.

AUSTRALIA FINALLY EARNS POINT

Australian Murray Barnes watches as players fly high in a struggle for the ball in the drawn 1-1 Third International between Greece and an Australian XI in Sydney.

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE AUSTRALIA

PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	P	0-0	2-1	1-2	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	1-3	2-7	0-0	5-0	3-0	1-0
Marconi	9/7	X	4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-2	26/7	20/8	6/8	4-2
Fitzroy	1-1	4-1	T	3-0	0-3	23/7	1-1	27/8	0-0	1-0	2/7	3-1	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8	L	4-2	1-0	1-2	0-1	6/8	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-1
West. Sub.	3-2	16/7	25/6	30/7	I	2-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	6/8	2-2	20/8	1-1
St. George	1-3	13/8	2-0	25/6	27/8	P	0-1	30/7	16/7	2-0	0-2	2/7	2-1	2-3
West Adel.	3-2	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4	S	1-2	3-0	23/7	3-1	0-1	2-0	25/6
Footscray	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	2/7	2-0	16/7	•	20/8	2-2	0-2	6/8	23/7	0-1
Br. Lions	1-1	0-3	13/8	3-1	3-1	0-0	2/7	5-2	L	27/8	1-1	23/7	2-2	30/7
Br. City	0-3	25/6	1-1	2-1	9/7	6/8	0-1	3-0	0-1	E	16/7	3-2	1-0	20/8
South Melb.	30/7	0-3	1-1	13/8	2-1	5-2	20/8	9/7	25/6	0-1	A	1-1	0-0	3-0
Olympic	27/8	1-1	30/7	9/7	0-1	2-0	2-4	1-1	2-4	13/8	1-2	G	1-2	16/7
Canberra	13/8	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	9/7	30/7	27/8	25/6	U	2-2
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	2-2	23/7	2-1	9/7	0-1	13/8	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	2/7	E

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.